

Will Have Share

In addition to the names already printed of those who have indicated they will participate in the special June offering for the Education Commission debts are the following:

Association, pastor and church:

Holmes—Madison Flowers, West.

Jasper—J. E. Wills, Louin.

Jasper—J. E. Wills, Montrose.

Rankin—W. S. Landrum, Antioch.

Rankin—W. S. Landrum, Clear

Branch.

Lincoln—W. S. Landrum, Union
Hall.

Gulf Coast—Dr. H. T. Brookshire,
Gulfport First.

Hin d s - Warren—John Newport,
Clinton.

Rankin—H. H. Bethune, Oakdale.

Lebanon—William L. Yeatman,

Macedonia.

Pike—O. A. Varnado, Fernwood.

Oktibbeha—B. P. Martin, Sturgis.

A Good Word Well Said

(Editor's Note: We are glad to use this letter from Bro. Davis. Dr. McCall is so modest that we have hesitated to tell all the truth about him.)

Dear Editor Goodrich:

The past few weeks I have noticed items concerning our "SPECIAL" June debt-paying offering for Now Club. I have been pleased to see that our Board employees are taking a lead in giving that this debt may be erased. Then Mississippi Baptists will in reality be ready to accomplish great things for the promotion of Christian education in every phase of the work, as well as evangelism, missions, state, home, and foreign. I am gratified at the response by our fine churches, pastors, and laymen, as we note the list of those entering in the "special offering" in June, and that some have already sent in their gift. It inspires confidence that the director of the Now Club has had a great part in this also, as he has planned and directed our "debt-paying" program the past five years. When he came to Mississippi Baptists as State Mission Secretary five years ago our Baptist debt stood at \$542,400 and today it stands at a little more than \$100,000. Of his own means more than \$700 has been paid on the Now Club debt by Dr. McCall, his wife and son. We like a leader who "practices what he preaches," at all times, and as mention is made regarding employees of the Board, our pastors, churches, laymen and leaders, it is fitting that we should give this brief statement in a "thank you" to our Executive Secretary. MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS will do well to join him unanimously in his plans for the "SPECIAL JUNE DEBT-PAYING OFFERING."

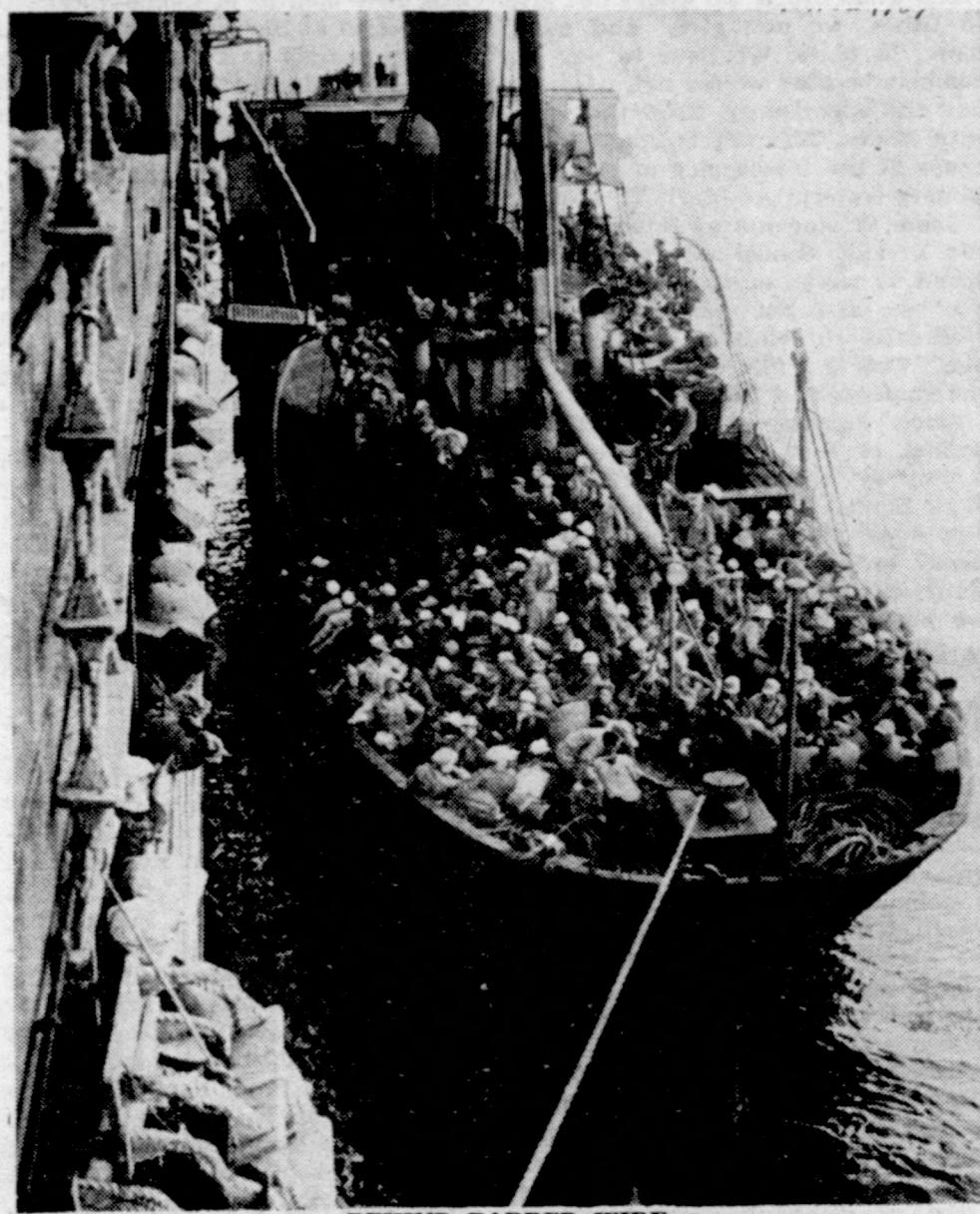
Your friend—John D. Davis, president, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"THY KINGDOM COME"

OLD SERIES—VOLUME 64.

Jackson, Miss., Thursday, June 8, 1944

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BEHIND BARBED WIRE WITH PRISONERS OF WAR

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German prisoners of war about to board a transport in an Italian harbor for the voyage to the United States where on arrival they will be interned for the duration in one of the 72 prison camps.

—Acme Photos.

By William B. Lippard

(We are presenting another of the articles regarding the prisoners of war in this country as written by Wm. B. Lippard, editor of the magazine, "Missions." The picture with the story today shows German prisoners of war on a small boat, in an Italian harbor about to be loaded on a transport to be brought to America for the duration.)

Guard Towers and Machine Guns

(Continued from last week)

It was not easy to tour the camps because of their necessary inaccessibility and size. One that I visited had 6,000 prisoners confined within its barbed wire fences, flanked by its dozen or more guard towers. In the camps, some of which had been established in virgin wilderness, I walk-

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Laurel First Baptist Church

BENEVOLENCE FUND
Dr. L. G. Gates, Pastor

No. 553

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

LAUREL, MISS. June 2nd 1944

\$1,000.00

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June Offering to Baptist Debt.

DOLLARS

THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO.
ss-70 or LAUREL, MISS.

LAUREL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BENEVOLENCE FUND
By *John D. Davis*

Look at This and Do Your Best

The first large check for the June offering came from First church Laurel (pictured below).

It reminds us of the small boy who tied a goose egg above his bantam

hen's nest with the following note attached:

"Dear Bantie: Look at this and do your best."

Not only will this check pay \$1,000 of our indebtedness but it will also save over \$300 in interest charges.

Is Your Name Written Here?

Among the first gifts received in the June special offering on the debts for the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission, was a check for \$1,000 from First Baptist Church, Laurel. This is their "special offering," since they have been supporting and will continue to help until the debt is paid. We think this is a challenging start. Others sending in gifts already to state headquarters are:

Association and church:

Simpson—Magee.

Smith—Clear Creek.

Winston—Murphy Creek.

Gulf Coast—Pass Christian.

Jones—Laurel First.

Marion—Columbia First.

—BR—

June Offering in May

Although the month of May was still here, several associations forwarded funds designated for the special June offering on the debt paying effort in Mississippi Baptist work. One association, Riverside, sent a special gift. Below we give the names of the associations and churches contributing:

Association and church:

Calhoun—Shiloh.

Mississippi—Berwick.

Jones—Fairfield.

Marion—Bunker Hill.

Jasper—Louin.

Lebanon—Dixie.

Riverside—Association.

Calhoun—College Hill.

Jackson—Pascagoula First.

Rankin—Bethel.

—BR—

Our Debt-Paying Task

Our 1944 Debt-Paying task is as follows:

Deficit as of May 31st in Christian Education account from calling bonds ahead of monies in hand for that purpose, using reserve to save 6 per cent interest \$ 58,232.21 The only outstanding bonds —1957 maturities 52,500.00

Total bond account debt \$110,732.21
Plus note at bank 25,000.00

Grand total to be raised this year of 1944 \$135,732.21

This represents all Convention indebtedness involving the transfer of money.

—BR—

"Our church is looking forward to having a part in the June offering for the "Now Club" and we are praying that our people may respond in a glorious way to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in order to accomplish this last mile of the way."—Louis J. Crumby, Pastor Inverness Baptist Church.

"I am writing to let you know that the Macedonia Baptist church, Forrest county, will join in the great June offering and will do our best toward helping pay this our Baptist debt."—William L. Yeaman, pastor.

Sparks & Splinters

H. F. Burns, who resigned as editor of the Baptist New Mexican a few months ago to accept the pastorate of Trinity church, Vancouver, Washington, has accepted the position as editor of The California Southern Baptist, effective July 1. It is reported that the California paper will be made a weekly instead of monthly. The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Editor Burns back into the editorial fraternity.

Stonewall: We have recently completed a very good Vacation Bible school. There was an average attendance of 116 out of an enrollment of 147. The offering was \$8.00 designated for other Vacation Bible schools. Nell Taylor of Florence was superintendent. In connection with the school a Sunday school study course book, "Outlines of Bible History" was taught at night by Miss Taylor. Sollie I. Smith is pastor.—Reporter.

Church Treasurer Jabez Seal recently sent a list of 30 subscriptions from Nicholson church, Pearl River county. There were 14 new names on the list. Rev. L. P. Petty is pastor and is doing a good work.

Rev. C. O. Stegall recently sent in a nice list of subscriptions from Hebron church, Amite county.

Mrs. E. L. Chunn of Southside church, Philadelphia, recently sent a nice club of subscriptions.

Mrs. Dorothy Banks, formerly member of East Moss Point church, but now located at Washington, D. C., sends her subscription for The Record and writes as follows: "I was formerly a member of East Moss Point Baptist church and I enjoy reading The Baptist Record very much."

In the past year Nicholson church, E. M. Keebler, pastor, has completed two Sunday school rooms; rebuilt the pulpit rostrum; painted the church inside and out; and had two revivals and 25 additions.

Please send us 400 Victory offering envelopes for the Now Club. We shall promote this the latter part of June. Due to our revival and to our Vacation Bible school it will be this time before we can get to this.—Mrs. N. H. Eudaly, First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Birmingham, Ala.—(RNS)— While churches and civic officials throughout the nation are making plans to observe a day of prayer when the invasion of Europe is announced, in Birmingham local papers, with the cooperation of the Birmingham Pastors Union, are calling the citizens to special prayers before that fateful day.

Dear Dr. McCall: The church in West Point is planning to make its special offering to the debt campaign the second Sunday in June. Our people are whole-heartedly behind this movement to erase the burden of debt from our State Convention.—John E. Barnes, Jr.

James Thorn, formerly pastor at Pricedale, and now pastor of Recreation Acres, Houston, Tex., recently led in a revival at Cottage Grove, Houston, Tex. There were several additions.

"My dear Brother Scotchie: Sure, we will be in on the June Debt-Paying Campaign. If, and when you want us, WE WILL BE THERE. Yours, A. C. Parker, Petal-Harvey Baptist Church.

"Please send 50 Now Club envelopes to us so that Sturgis Church can make an offering to Now Club in June.—Mrs. Tommie Hamill."

Because we would not give our money for spreading the gospel we now have to pay it out in guns. That which we would not spend for missions we now must spend for munitions. That which we would not give in tithes we now give, and much more, in taxes. We have to pay for bombers because we did not, when we had the opportunity, flood the world with Bibles. The war is upon us because of the inadequacy of our missionary enterprise.—Earl V. Pierce.

Some 68 students of Duke University Divinity School are preparing to spend 10 weeks of the coming summer as assistant pastors in rural Methodist churches in North Carolina. This is a fine way to help both the students and the churches.

Since January 23, the printed booklet of four sermons, "God Did It," by Dr. Norman W. Cox, of the First Baptist Church, Meridian, has sold more than 9,000 copies. Additional orders are coming in daily. Many churches and Sunday schools are buying them and sending them to all their men in uniform. Its publication serially in The Baptist Record has materially aided in increasing circulation.

Evangelist Aubert Dunn recently was the recipient of a large gospel tent which was given to him by friends. The tent was dedicated on May 15th on the city hall lawn, Meridian, and Evangelist Dunn preached there in his home town for two weeks, under the sponsorship of a large group of his layman friends. The tent seats 1,200. Large congregations heard him. Several times the crowds were much larger than the tent would seat. There were 155 confessions of faith and many rededications.

Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, who has served as a chaplain (captain) at Camp Lee, Virginia, for eighteen months, is returning to civilian life this month. Dr. and Mrs. Eavenson and Doris will be the guests of their sister, Mrs. W. W. Powell, in Marks, Miss., in June, after several days at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, attending the Student Retreat.

President Walter Pope Binns at the commencement exercises of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, announced a gift of \$100,000 by Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Semple of Cincinnati, Ohio, as a part of the Centennial Campaign Fund.

From the Western Recorder we learn that J. W. Landrum has resigned as pastor of the Lyndon church in Kentucky to accept the call to Midway in the same state. He succeeds Raymond De Armond, who went to Chesterfield, S. C. This is the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Landrum of Clinton, Miss.

Calvary, Tupelo: Twelve came into the church for baptism and twelve by letter during our revival meeting from April 30-May 7, with Dr. Dick H. Hall, Decatur, Ga., doing the preaching.—Dr. F. M. Powell, pastor.

The many Mississippi friends of Professor Charles W. Horner, former Mississippi College professor, will be glad to learn of his present whereabouts. Since leaving Mississippi College he enlisted in the Navy as an apprentice seaman; went to boot camp and Hospital Corps school in San Diego; was for several months a Corpsman and later a Pharmacist's Mate at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola; received his commission and was sent to Princeton University for several weeks of Indoctrination in Sept. 1943; then took four months of Communications instruction at Harvard University and is now on duty as a Communications Officer in Panama. As do most good Mississippi Baptists, he keeps up with affairs through The Baptist Record.

MORE HANDLES OF POWER, \$1.50, by L. L. Dunnington. This is a different book. It is a sequel to his former book, HANDLE OF POWER. Recognizing the need for a technique in worship, Dr. Dunnington developed the plan of "Silent Communion," which has had amazing success. It worked a transformation in Dr. Dunnington's own congregation, and hundreds of letters from radio listeners and readers of his book Handles of Power give testimony of the faith and courage achieved through it. The plan consists of: 1. A sermon pointing up some great truth that gives power to daily living. 2. A brief personal affirmation of this truth to be kept at hand on a card and prayerfully repeated several times a day until it sinks into the unconscious mind, where God can use it "to heal and integrate body, mind, and affairs." More Handles of Power is a new series of twenty-four such sermons, each headed by a "Silent Communion Card" to copy and use. Interpreting the New Testament in terms of practical psychology, these heartening messages relate what Jesus said of what men and women today need and want. It is published by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tennessee and may be ordered from the publishers or from your Baptist Book Store.

The following Blue Mountain College students have volunteered to do full-time field work for the Sunday school department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board during the summer: Kathleen Bush, Pinola; Lucy Pettit, Jackson; Mary Bess McFatridge, Plantersville; Ida Lou Coulter, Richton; Katherine Williams, Utica.

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president, and Dr. W. O. Carver, of the faculty, will represent the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at the annual meeting of the American Association of Seminaries, at the Xenia Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa., June 7-9.

Assistant Professor Charles A. McGlon, of the Department of Public Speech of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is doing graduate work this summer in public speech and religious drama, at Columbia University.

Hazlehurst: Pastor J. H. Street writes of a fine week the Hazlehurst church had May 28-June 2. Attendance at all meetings during the week totaled over 1300. This included Vacation Bible school for five days and commencement. Also, 95 attended prayer meeting on Wednesday night. Mrs. H. P. McCormick spoke to 40 ladies at W. M. S. Monday afternoon. Vacation Bible school averaged 109. There were two additions to the church by letter on Sunday.

THE HAND OF GOD by Lee B. Inman is a different book. The author defines Jesus as the hand of God and the five fingers are designated as Creation, Salvation, Walk, Power and Judgment. He also discusses the arm of God and the finger of God. Most of the references are taken from the Old Testament. No explanation for this is offered. The book may be ordered from the author, Rice Lake, Wisconsin. It is \$1.50.

Somebody has sent The Baptist Record an article concerning a recent editorial in The Record entitled: "High School and Bible Teaching." We appreciate what this person said but that is as far as we can go. The letter was not signed. We will be unable to use anything that is unsigned.

According to Pastor C. R. Shirer, Alexander, Louisiana, "the revival at the First church, Ponca City, Okla., resulted in 52 conversions and additions. A. Floyd Crittenden is pastor and is doing a constructive work. The church presented the pastor and his wife with beautiful crystal in celebration of their eighth anniversary while I was there."

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Nell Taylor, Florence; Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain; Harold L. Sumrall, Laurel; Carey Cox, Prattville, Alabama; Rev. H. B. Benson, Terry; Rev. W. S. Landrum, Clinton; Rev. H. Grady Wilkes, Yazoo City.

Bentonia Baptist Church, R. A. Edleman, pastor, will begin a series of evangelistic services June 11. J. J. Burson, Shelby, will assist the pastor and W. L. Cooper, returned missionary from Brazil, will lead the singing.

The Sullivan award for the highest grades covering the four year course at Peabody College in Nashville has been awarded to Miss Mary Sue Barnette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Barnette of the Sunday School Board.

Three young men were received for baptism on last Sunday evening at the Wanilla church.—P. B. Green, pastor.

News has been received of the death of Mrs. V. I. Masters at their home in DeSoto City, Fla. Dr. Masters served many years as editor of the Western Recorder. Hundreds of friends regret to hear of his sorrow.

New Fellowship, Jasper county: On June fourth our June offering for the Now Club amounted to \$26.26.

From the bulletin of Hazlehurst church we learn that Pastor J. H. Street has been praying for 75 at prayer meeting. The Lord, as usual, gave him more than he asked—95.

Hazlehurst: Our V. B. S. average attendance was 109.

Miss Mary Nance Daniel of the B. S. U. department of the Sunday School Board, will be married in June to Troy Marion Rea of Dallas, Texas.

Slayden church— Things are moving progressively under the leadership of Pastor and Mrs. C. G. Palmer. Receipts for May amounted to \$318. The orphanage Mother's Day offering was made and a total of \$50 given for the June offering in debt-paying. A church library is being installed with Miss Edith Hurdle as librarian.—Boyd Watkins.

Newly elected officers of the Alumni Association of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary: Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist church, Charlotte, N. C., president; Rev. Bruce H. Price, pastor of Beech Street Baptist Church, Texarkana, Ark., vice-president; and Dr. Lucius M. Polhill, pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., secretary-treasurer.

CIRCULATION THIS WEEK
41,238
A GAIN OF 188 SINCE LAST REPORT

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Up! Up! Up! Good News! We like to give out good news! Mississippi Baptists registered a total gain of \$21,798.89 in monies sent through this office for one month as follows:

	Coop. Prog.	Misc.	Now Club	Totals
1944 May	\$32,554.60	\$28,442.95	\$6,692.02	\$67,689.57
1943 May	18,316.21	18,881.10	8,693.37	45,890.68

Gain and Loss \$14,238.39 \$ 9,561.85 (L) \$2,001.35 \$21,798.89

Would you like to know how we stand for the Convention Year, November-May, inclusive? Here is the comparison:

Nov.-May, 1944	\$193,293.63	\$236,462.85	\$53,777.62	\$483,534.10
Nov.-May, 1943	143,092.60	221,365.99	80,914.00	445,372.59

Gain and Loss \$ 50,201.03 \$ 15,096.86 (L) \$27,136.38 \$ 38,161.51

Let's bring the NOW CLUB UP, and keep climbing for Jesus' sake!

I.

We have recently been approached by some few prominent laymen and pastors who expressed the hope that our Educational Institutions would turn more to denominational clinical work, and turn out graduates expertly trained in church and denominational work. They stated their feelings to the effect that graduates of denominational institutions should thoroughly understand Sunday School organization, and work that would include Soul Winning, Class Grouping, Department and General Organization, Census Taking, Budget Making, etc. In like manner they should understand Baptist Training Union, W. M. U., and Brotherhood work. They should be conversant with the opportunities and duties of the pastor, deacons, and other church officers. In like manner they should be skilled in and acquainted with every phase of denominational life. These laymen and fellow ministers feel they should visit Baptist institutions and Convention Board offices with the view of learning step-by-step the phases of this important work.

These laymen mean business, because they have given generously in terms of thousands of dollars to various causes in the past, and right now they are desirous of investing large sums in a Denominational Educational Institution, but they want to do it where the student will get the "Spiritual and Practical" side of Christianity in intensive efficiency.

We pass the word along, because we believe it worth while.

II.

A CORRECTION: A time or two figures from the Commission of Twenty purporting to set the amount of the Convention debt of that year, 1940, have been quoted as being \$1,079,220.06. To be technically correct we should say \$876,145.42. This was the amount recognized by that Convention. There were two additional alumni items which were not included in Convention indebtedness. They are not Convention-made items!

III.

At Salt Lake City some years ago we toured the Mormon Church property. On a trip around the world we toured Shinto shrines, Buddhist temples, Mohammedan mosques, and of course, churches!

We think it would be an excellent thing for Sunday school classes, Training Unions, W. M. U. circles, and Brotherhoods to tour the Baptist offices and Baptist institutions. They would be shown every courtesy in these offices, and the work thoroughly explained. We would in turn be glad to have personnel from our Baptist institutions learn of the work as carried on in these offices. We feel sure this would lead to mutual understanding and helpfulness. As Baptists we are "awfully" smart in many ways to be so negligent in others!

IV.

An effort is being made to launch a Cooperative Mission Study plan with the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, and State Board. Study courses will be offered in each of these spheres. An inspirational speaker will present testimony from all these fields during the week of study.

This is an approach to the New Testament ideal of Acts 1:8. We need to observe the order set up by Jesus. With us this is a matter of conscience. We will be glad to work with pastors and churches desiring to use this method of study in a SCHOOL OF MISSIONS.

V.

An Alabama pastor of a full time church is entering Mississippi College in September. He will be available for non-resident work within the radius of 50-100 miles of Jackson. We believe him to be a very good man. We will be glad to put some field in touch with him.

Dr. L. E. Green, Pascagoula, writes that they are planning two new mission Sunday schools. They expect both of them to become full time churches. If our Mississippi Baptist churches would see to it that at least a hundred new Mission Sunday Schools were organized, within a year both the churches and our denomination would increase in spirituality.

The graduation exercises at Brandon were well attended in the lovely new auditorium.

Union Church is happy over the prospective coming of the John L. Hills. Good congregation. One by letter. Good fellowship in the W. L. Lewis home.

A mother of a son in service to whom we had written and enclosed some good literature writes, "Thanks for the literature. I am sending my son in the army some of it today." Thus the Word travels.

The Jack O'Neal family and Miss Theresa Wilson joined the Daniels church at the dedicatory services. Mrs. Maude Wilson Womack sang a solo. We have

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"

I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

known these friends for a good many years. They were among loyal church members and pastor helpers in a former pastorate. Doxology!

VI.

"Willard Crosby, Airman" is a new Revell publication by T. Bird. It is an interesting story in romance that will be enjoyed by both old and young. Price \$1.25. Order from Baptist Book Store.

VII.

As an armed forces service project, this office contacts hundreds upon hundreds of service men and family members. We get many and varied replies. That you may understand something of this phase of our state mission work, we give you the following report recently received:

"Dear Dr. McCall: While it has taken just about a month to answer your most appreciated letter inclosing the clipping about our son having received his Commission and also your beautiful expressions, we assure you that they were greatly appreciated.

"Just a thought like this helps so much all concerned and makes Mrs. . . . feel very happy to know that her Church is interested in her vital affairs outside of just plain Church matters and I am sure this touches the heart of all Mothers and Fathers to whom you are kind enough to write.

"Again assuring you of our appreciation of your thought, I remain,
"Sincerely"

VIII.

"I organized a little Sunday School out on the edge of my little city one year ago last October. Until recently I had made house to house calls almost weekly (this is what is called . . . Addition). A junior boy in the community had never been to S. S. I had insisted on more than one occasion that he should come, and the importance of being in God's House, especially on the Sabbath Day. Just about ten days before his death I had begged him to try to come for just one hour, then he could go on to work (he worked at a service station), but he would insist that he had to work. Today he is not working as his time here on this earth is no more. I sat by his bed the afternoon (all alone) before he died. I wanted to talk to him about his soul and try to get him to promise me that when he got well he would give his life to Christ and come to S. S. Each time I would say something he would get so sick and start vomiting. I said to myself, 'When you get better I will talk to you more about your soul.' You cannot know how I felt early the next morning when my 'phone rang and they told me . . . had passed on. I have worked very faithfully out there. Sometimes I feel like I am not getting anywhere, but surely some good will come of it some day. We are in such great need now of teachers. 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are so few.' We have had as many as thirty-five.

"Brother . . . Mrs. . . . and I carry on in the service of our Lord and Master as best we know how. Pray for us, and that someone will feel the call to help in this great work for Him, who loved us so much as to give his life for us."

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NORTHERN BAPTISTS REPORT LARGE MEMBERSHIP DECREASE

Atlantic City, N. J.—(RNS)—Wartime's population upheaval threatens a loss of 200,000 to 300,000 members of the Northern Baptist Convention in two or three years, the American Baptist Home Mission Society reported to the denomination here.

"The increasing millions of people outside all churches and synagogues (67,000,000 unchurched in 1940 as compared to 41,000,000 in 1900) is a challenge to all who honestly want to win 'North America for Christ,'" the report stated.

Revivals and home visitations would be more fruitful in evangelism as a result of seed-sowing in the Sunday school, the society added, in disclosing that Sunday school attendance among Northern Baptists has fallen off 400,000 in the last 20 years.

The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Women's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society outlined post-war activities that will include: continuation of cooperation with Baptists in Europe for at least ten years after the war ends; expenditure of \$500,000 for relief and rehabilitation in Europe; the sending of a deputation to Europe immedi-

NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION ELECTS WOMAN AS PRESIDENT

Atlantic City, N. J.—(RNS)—Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, of Providence, R. I., was elected president of the Northern Baptist Convention, the second woman to hold that office in the history of the denomination.

During the next year she will be the leader of 1,500,000 Baptists in 34 states.

Mrs. Swain has been for the past two years president of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and is second vice-president of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. She was one of 46 delegates from the United States and Canada to attend the International Missionary Council in 1938.

She was born in Ohio and received her A. B. degree at Pembroke College of Brown University in 1911. Her husband is a professor at Brown.

The Rev. John Bunyan Smith of San Diego, Calif., one of the Fundamentalist members of the Convention, was elected first vice-president.

ately after the war to formulate an adequate program to meet the needs of Baptists here.

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A WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOAL FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through:

1. The Cooperative Program.
2. The Now Club.
3. A summer assembly.
4. A State Brotherhood secretary.
5. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
6. A worker at Whitfield.
7. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
8. A full-time Indian worker.
9. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
10. At least ten enlistment pastors.
11. Enlarged soldier work.
12. Chinese worker.
13. Associational missionaries
14. Mississippi Baptists out of debt.
15. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.
16. The Baptist Record in every home.

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WE CAN SAVE \$41,500

"A penny saved is a penny earned." Mississippi Baptists have a golden opportunity to save 4,150,000 pennies.

Much publicity has been given to the fact that one man in Oklahoma recently gave the Oklahoma Orphanage \$100,000 on condition that Oklahoma Baptists raise an additional \$150,000.

No rich man offers us such a gift but we have an opportunity to save \$41,500 by paying our bonded debt this year. And we only need to raise a total of \$135,732.21 to make us debt free. But if we let those bonds run until maturity, we must pay a total of \$135,732.21 (which includes the deficit as shown in another column) plus \$41,500 in interest or a total of \$177,232.21.

In other words, by paying now we save more than 30% interest. That is good business anywhere.

June is the month set aside to wipe out the debt.

Every church doing its best will do the job.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS MARCH IN MAY

Elsewhere we are publishing another report of progress by Mississippi Baptists. These figures show that Mississippi Baptist gave \$21,798.89 more in May 1944 than in May 1943. And May 1943 was one of the best months in our history. The report shows that total Cooperative Program gifts for May 1944 were \$32,554.60, which was a gain of \$14,238.39 over May 1943. Total designated offerings were \$28,442.95, a gain of \$9,561.85. The Now Club registered a loss of \$2,001.35 but this loss will be wiped out in June. Now Club offerings were \$6,692.02.

Mississippi Baptists are becoming more and more conscious of the fact that what they have, as well as what they are, belongs to God.

BR "OUR PASTOR"

A few days ago a member of a church said to another one, "Do you know what two of the sweetest words in the language are? . . . They are 'Our Pastor.'" The members were rejoicing because they once more had a pastor in their church after being pastorless for a long time. "We have had good preaching each time, but it isn't like having our own pastor." "I never realized before just what it means to be able to say, 'Our Pastor' again!" said another.

Sometimes people take the pastor for granted. They never think much about him, except in a matter of fact sort of way. They go along in a 'hum drum' manner, and neglect to tell him how much they appreciate him. But, if they lose a good pastor, and have to be without one a long time, they will realize the feeling of being "a sheep without a shepherd." This experience should lead people to be more thoughtful of their pastors. They should tell them how they feel, write them notes of appreciation, pray for them daily, send them little love gifts, and in every way express how good it is to be able to say, "Our Pastor."

BR CONGRATULATIONS TO OKLAHOMA

Mississippi Baptists rejoice over the recent accomplishment of Oklahoma Baptists.

A good layman of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, challenged the Baptists of the state to raise a quarter of a million dollars to be used in improving their orphanage property. He offered to give \$100,000 provided all the other Baptists of the state would raise \$150,000. But those Oklahoma Baptists are sec-

ond mile Baptists and instead of stopping at \$150,000 it was found that on May 1 the Baptist churches and individual Baptists of Oklahoma had given not \$150,000, but \$233,000. This amount plus the \$100,000 given by Layman Phillips provides the Oklahoma Orphanage work with \$333,000. This should enable Oklahoma Baptists to greatly enlarge their orphanage work and certainly provide them with better buildings and equipment.

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND?

We have been noticing of late some significant words in the advertisements in daily papers of firms seeking men to work. It reminded us of the long, long ago "before the days of prohibition" in the business world. The words we note appearing more and more are these, "must be sober"; "no booze-heads need apply"; "no users of alcoholic beverages and narcotics need apply." If the repeal of the eighteenth amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor were to "restore sobriety," then why is it business firms are finding it necessary to state they do not wish drinking employees? During the days of the operating of the amendment against alcoholic beverages, items like these practically disappeared from the newspapers. Are these things "feathers in the wind" showing America is beginning to be a "nation of drinkers again" under this *supposedly* "ideal" set-up? Politicians may have a good many things to account for when the final Books on Earthly Business are balanced. All other citizens who have been following their lead without conscientious consideration may also have to share in their paying at the judgment.

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NAME WANTED

J. Homer Philpott, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Commerce, writes of a trip to Phoenix, Arizona, where he directed the music for a city-wide revival. On the trip, he visited a number of towns and found "when you saw a church without a name, usually it was a Baptist church." How about a sign telling the name of your church?

For years the editor of The Baptist Record has been urging churches to have a sign made showing the name of the church and the name of the pastor. It adds to our estimation of any church to see such a sign. As indicated by Bro. Philpott, we feel a sense of disappointment every time we pass a church with no visible name. It would not cost much to have a sign made and placed in a conspicuous place. I am proud of my church and want everybody in the world to know that it is a Baptist church. My church has such a sign.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

EDITORS' BREAKFAST

The editor of each state paper, except Virginia and Maryland, and the editor of Home Missions, also that of The Commission, were guests of Editor O. P. Gilbert of the Christian Index for breakfast, May 16. Louie D. Newton, chairman of the Committee on Circulation of the state papers was present and arranged with F. W. Tinnin of the Baptist Message of Louisiana, Pres. of the Southern Baptist Press Association, for the presentation of the papers' report to the Convention.

After a wholesome meal, Porter Routh of Oklahoma (Baptist Messenger) called attention to some committees who were to report. He also brought a recommendation which, after much discussion, was adopted, setting a uniform scale of advertising rates for secular concerns—commercial rates. The committee was continued and asked to work out a similar uniform schedule of rates for all general denominational business. A committee, working on the matter of securing some national advertising was also continued.

Southern Baptists know all too little about the band of men who edit and manage their state papers. Very naturally the editors hesitate to set forth much about the work they are doing, for when one does he himself is involved. It would be a fine thing, however, if many pastors and deacons could attend a conference of their editors there to learn more of the problems which these men face in producing the newspapers upon which so much of our co-operation and success are absolutely dependent. The circulation of these papers has now gone almost to the half-million mark and, in spite of numerous handicaps, continues to grow.—Western Recorder.

BR BENTON COUNTY PASTORS AND WORKERS ORDER JUNE OFFERING ENVELOPES

Dear Brother McCall:

Please send envelopes for the special debt-paying drive to the following named persons:

Mrs. Emma Simpson, Blue Mountain, Miss., 100 envelopes.

W. C. Rainer, Ashland, Miss., 50 envelopes.

Mrs. Jettie Purcell, Ashland, Miss., 100 envelopes.

Rev. W. E. Houston, Ashland, Miss., 100 envelopes.

B. K. Hudspeth, Hickory Flat, Miss., 200 envelopes.

Miss Belle Aldridge, Canaan, Miss., 100 envelopes.

E. G. Whitehorn, Saulsbury, Tenn., R. F. D., 100 envelopes.

Rev. G. W. Wages, Blue Mountain, Miss., 150 envelopes.

E. Y. Davis, Ripley, Miss., R. F. D., 100 envelopes.

Rev. J. H. Gadd, Blue Mountain, Miss., R. F. D., 50 envelopes.

Rev. W. B. May, Ashland, Miss., 50 envelopes.

Yours truly,
MARVIN GRESHMAN,
Chairman Benton County Now Club.

**BEHIND BARBED WIRE WITH
PRISONERS OF WAR**

(Continued from Page One)

ed miles and miles on speedily constructed roads and again through lanes of mud and sand. I was jerked around in Army jeeps, those amazing vehicles which will climb any hill, surmount every obstacle, push aside any ordinary shrub or tree, travel in four directions at the same time and venture into terrain that would make even a drunken driver in a 20-year-old jalopy turn sober at the prospect. Never will I forget a ride in the commanding officer's own jeep up a steep hillside and through the woods and on roads that were still imaginary in order to see the camp cemetery. Back in the prison compound a German architect and landscape expert was making the blueprints for this cemetery that would eventually accommodate 240 graves. In the virgin state in which I saw it, a vivid imagination was needed to picture its finished layout. Thus on foot and in Army jeeps I made numerous rounds of inspection that included barracks, mess halls, chapels, recreation halls, football fields, guardhouses and hospitals. The Army escorting personnel showed me every courtesy. I saw everything I wished to see. Every question that did not involve giving military information of even the slightest possible value to the enemy, was freely answered.

Camps Built Uniformly

The 72 camps are built according to a uniform pattern. Each is surrounded by tall double barbed wire fences with numerous guard towers equipped with deadly machine guns covering the wide lanes between the fences. Flood lights illuminate all lanes and approaches at night. Each camp is divided into several compounds. Each compound has its own barracks, recreation halls, and other installations. In recognition of their mutual dislike and lack of allied solidarity, Germans and Italians have been confined in different camps. This policy is all the more necessary now in view of Italy's changed status from enemy to co-belligerent. The resulting uncertain status of Italian prisoners doubtless presents a headache to the Provost Marshal General. How can they now be enemies of America if Italian soldiers in Italy are now fighting the enemy of both? On the other hand, must they not continue as prisoners of war until the U. S. Senate by two-thirds majority, according to the Constitution, ratifies, a treaty of peace with Italy? Anybody can guess when that is likely to occur.

Sickness and Health in Camp Hospitals

Tours of camp hospitals proved to be unusually interesting. All of them had first class surgical, dental, medical, laboratory and X-ray equipment. In wards with 40 beds in each, scores of private rooms for the more seriously ill patients, and in the contagious disease isolation sections, I saw several hundreds of men in various stages of sickness and convalescence. On the faces of all of them I could sense an expression of gratitude as the camp army doctor walked through and inquired as to their condition. One prisoner as long as he lives, will likely tell his children and grandchildren over and over again of how he fell from a tree while on prisoner farm work in Alabama and broke his back, and how a U. S. Army doctor by a miracle of surgery, which in-

cluded for him three months stretched in a frame, brought him back to normal condition. The injury had completely paralyzed him below the chest. All bodily, kidney, intestinal, and muscular functions were out of control. When I saw him he was for the first time proudly walking up and down the ward corridor. Only his toes were still partially paralyzed and even these were slowly being restored to normal function.

One hospital, or rather medical, incident, deserves special mention, because it reveals the pangs of conscience which even Nazism has been unable to obliterate from the German soul. At one of the camps the German prisoners were informed on arrival that on the following day all would be inoculated. When some of them observed that the U. S. Army doctor was a Jew, the rumor quickly spread throughout the camp that the inoculation of every man was for the purpose of sterilization so that he could never beget children and that this was to be done in revenge for what the Nazis had done to the Jews of Europe. Consternation and fear tormented the prisoners all night. To paraphrase Shakespeare, conscience had made cowards even of Nazis. Only by stern, plain speaking by the commanding officer, who told the prisoners that this was America and not Germany, that neither American citizenship nor Army service was conditioned by race or color, and that brutal retaliation is not an American practice, were the prisoners reassured that the inoculation was against typhoid and not for something horrible and fantastic such as their consciences had led them to imagine.

On the hospital tours I was usually accompanied also by the post chaplains. At each bedside as we went along, the chaplain would stop for a friendly handshake and a word of cheer. Even a blind man could have sensed the appreciation and confidence registered in prisoner faces as they welcomed these friendly pastoral calls by the chaplains. Everywhere I found the prisoners immensely fond of these men who by temperament, background, and personality are admirably qualified for such ministry. One hospital case was especially pathetic. A German prisoner was suffering from a strange kidney ailment acquired during the rigorous desert campaign in Africa. The torrid heat of the Libyan desert and the scarcity of water had doubtless aggravated his condition. He was a very sick man and he looked it. Haunting him was the fear of death in a strange land. The look in his eyes was one of excruciating poignancy. Of course, he was receiving the best medical care that the American Army medical corps can provide. Inexpressibly sad were his moans and occasional sobs and cries of "Mutter." The reassuring words of the chaplain and a brief bedside prayer brought him a measure of comfort that no medical skill could supply.

Cross Sections of Enemy Manhood

My camp visits were long enough to have extended interviews with camp commanding officers, with Catholic and Protestant chaplains (obviously there are no Jews among the German prisoners and hence no Jewish chaplains), with camp adjutants and public relations officers, with doctors and dentists and sanitation officers, and with guards and hospital nurses. I ate at officers' messes. Frequently my escorting of-

ficer guides would ask questions for my benefit as to what part of Germany or Italy these men had come from. The information was as surprising as it was revealing. Here were proud, arrogant, blonde Prussians; pleasant, affable Bavarians; stolid, reserved Rhinelanders; dark, swarthy Westphalians; in fact, men from every region and province of Germany, thus constituting at each camp practically a cross section of German military manhood. Likewise the Italian prisoners had come from various cities of Italy. When they learned that I had visited some of their cities and that I had been received by the Pope, their cordiality and friendliness became exuberant. How strangely out of place it seemed in a prison camp. Perhaps the changed status of Italy as a co-belligerent accounted for it.

Real Italian Cooking

At the Italian camp I arrived just in time for lunch. I have eaten Italian spaghetti with meat sauce at numerous Italian restaurants across the earth, in New York and San Francisco, on Italian ships, and in Naples and Venice. Never have I tasted spaghetti as perfect as that served me in this American Army camp for Italian prisoners of war. Occupying separate compounds with their own mess halls and recreation club rooms were the German and Italian officer prisoners, ranking from second lieutenants up to one major general and one lieutenant general. Maintaining their military dignity, these officers nevertheless were affable and responsive. Like the men, they represented cross sections of Germany and Italy.

Amazing and well nigh incredible were some of the life histories of these men. Their adventures prove again that truth is stranger than fiction. No novelist or fiction writer could imagine the curious tricks which fate had played on some of these prisoners. Here was a Russian who had served in the Russian army. Captured at Stalingrad, for many months he was compelled to serve as an orderly behind the German lines. With the regiment he was taken to Africa and there captured by the British who later transferred him to the American Army. Although not a German citizen he is now a prisoner of war in an American camp. His legal status is one of the many little headaches of the Provost Marshal General. Here is a German youth, only 20 years old. Born in Warsaw, Poland, of German parents who had been compelled to evacuate from Russia during the first World war, at the age of 17 he went to the Hamburg Baptist Theological Seminary where in 1942 the Nazi draft took him into the army and shipped him to Africa. He needs another year to finish his Baptist divinity course. But who knows when that will become possible? Working in a huge camp laundry was a German youth from Seattle. He went to Germany in 1939 to claim an estate of which he was one of the legatees. Having not yet become an American naturalized citizen, the Nazi draft inducted him into the army and shipped him to Africa. Now he is back in the United States, not as a potential citizen, but as a prisoner of war. Here was a Norwegian, picked up by the Gestapo in Narvik, pressed into military service, also shipped to Africa and now in a prison camp in spite of his Norwegian citizenship. One of the strangest cases is that of a youth from a suburb of New York where live a number of Baptists on the official staff at New



V. R. CRIDER

**PAYNES CHURCH GOES TO
FULL TIME**

Under the leadership of Pastor V. R. Crider, the church at Paynes, Tallahatchie county, has gone from half to full time services. Pastor and Mrs. Crider will move on the field about July first.

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Two little boys I know were arguing over the relative greatness of their daddies. Finally, the youngest exclaimed, "Well, I know my daddy is smarter than yours 'cause he's a big demon in the Baptist church!"—Mrs. Lea Finklea, in *Progressive Farmer*.

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**DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR
June 1944**
**NOW CLUB VICTORY MONTH
EVANGELISM—**

Vacation Bible Schools
Christian Education Day
Cooperative Program Emphasis
VICTORY — NOW CLUB — DEBT-PAYING VICTORY!

Tithes and Offerings
Daily Bible Readings
District B. T. U. Conventions
Camps for Young People—Ridgecrest YWA Camp, June 15-22. W. M. U. Family Day—Invite ALL Auxiliaries as guests of the WMU.

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November 1, 1944.

S. S.—Vacation Bible School; Christian Education Day; Extension Department Day.

W. M. U.—Camps for Young People—Ridgecrest YWA Camp, June 15-22
—W. M. U. Family Day—Invite all Auxiliaries as guests of the WMU.

B. T. U.—Fifteen (15) District BTU Conventions June 5-23—Associational Mass Meetings.

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Rev. Robert L. Palmer of Memphis, Tenn., has accepted the pastorate of the Napoleon Avenue church, New Orleans, and began his work there the first Sunday in June.

York Baptist headquarters. His parents still lacked a few years before they could become naturalized American citizens when they sent the boy to Germany after his American high school graduation in order to complete his higher education. He had to travel on a German passport issued by the German consul in New York. Again, the Nazi draft caught him. The two fortunate aspects of his present internment are that his parents can visit him at the prison camp at periodic intervals, and they have reason for thanking God that their son is not in a Russian prison camp.

(Continued next week)

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Laven Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Taylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwin Robinson

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Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centreville.

The General Topic for our Circle Programs for 1944 is "Our Unchanged Task in a Changing World." The related topic for June is "Holding Fast to Youth in a Changing World." I know some of our societies have a tendency to slump during the summer months, but I hope this will be an unusually busy time in every society for we cannot afford to slacken our efforts when every force for righteousness should be at its best.

Our camps for young people are in progress now and when these young people come back home, their organizations should be ready to conserve the inspiration and information these boys and girls bring back with them. Use the circle program as outlined for June and you will be better prepared to "hold fast" to your young people.

Circle Program Topic:
Holding Fast to Youth in a Changing World

(Camps, Assemblies, etc., W. M. U., Young People's Organizations).

Devotional Theme: "That they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God"—Psalm 78:7.

"I Had the Best Time of My Life" (See article in June issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions).

More Fun in Mission Study (See issue of The Window of Y. W. A.)

Youth Products of Home Missions (See June issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions).

Making Disciples on Our Campuses (See June issue of The Commission).

Our Young People.
(See page 20 of Royal Service.)

Ticket to Ridgecrest (See June issue of The Window of Y. W. A.)

When They Come Home (See June issue of The Commission).

We are printing below the gifts by states to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. We are proud of the record of our Mississippi women and young people. We come fifth in this list of gifts, but in strength there are ten states with more organizations than Mississippi. We commend each organization that had a part in this offering.

Annie Armstrong Offering
Reported by States—May 3, 1944

State	Total
Alabama	\$9,900
Arizona	500
Arkansas	6,000
California	500
D. C.	2,000
Florida	8,000
Georgia	27,561.98
Illinois	4,000
Kentucky	12,000
Louisiana	10,000
Maryland	1,800
Mississippi	26,622.07
Missouri	10,000
New Mexico	1,800
North Carolina	25,000
Oklahoma	10,000
South Carolina	13,500
Tennessee	15,000
Texas	35,000
Virginia	30,000
Total	\$348,033.30

*D. C. contributed \$1,051.40 to work of the Northern Baptist Con-

vention.

*N. C. and Texas reports are as of April 3, 1943.

Mississippi has \$913 more to add to the above.

Community Missions

Many inquiries come to this office from missionary societies asking what they can do to help the Negro women in their work. Here is a very definite suggestion. The Southern Union is fostering another Negro institute in Mississippi August 15-17 at Jackson College. The price per person for room and board will be \$3.50 for the entire time. This will be an opportunity for you to help them by choosing one or two worthy representatives among them and paying their expenses at the College for those days. Our Southern Union will take care of 75 delegates but we are hoping to have more than twice that number this year. This will be a very definite Community Missions project.

For several weeks we have been studying the missionary journeys of Paul and his letters to the churches. It was interesting to me that Paul found a group of women by a river side outside the city in a prayer meeting, which gave him his first opportunity to preach the gospel in Europe. Evidently the leader of that group was a business woman. She accepted Christ as Savior, led her household to believe and opened her home to the missionaries.

We have more business women now than in any age, I presume, and what a power they can be in our missionary program of Southern Baptists. Vacation time is being planned for even now, so we are eager for our business women to plan for their vacation August 9-15 and spend the time at Ridgecrest for the Business Women's Conference. This comes during Foreign Mission Week and they will have opportunity to hear many of the missionaries speak.

Welcome, Business Women's Circles

A genuine and hearty welcome is extended to the members of Business Women's Circles for their annual conference opening Wednesday, Aug 9 and closing Tuesday, Aug. 15. Every facility of our assembly will be at your service.

Our deep desire is to do our part in making this conference the best one you have held here. We urge you to come up to the mountains for a season of fellowship, study and recreation during a time that calls for strength in all that touches our lives in a world fraught with grievous disturbance.

The noble work you are doing in your churches constitutes an example that the whole world might well follow. May your visit to this "Land of the Sky" inspire you and fit you for increasing usefulness in the valley of service.

Come to this delightful capital of Southern Baptist activity for a season of refreshing.

Perry Morgan, Business Manager,
Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Regarding G. A. Focus week at Center Terrace Baptist Church:

On Friday, May 12, the members of the Girls' Auxiliary and their mothers were honored with a Mother-Daughter Banquet. There were 22 who attended. After the banquet, the girls rendered a lovely program in honor of their mothers. The inspiration of the entire program was such that the mothers as well as the girls realized a new and greater importance in this work.

The W. M. U. helped to make this banquet and program a success.

Yours truly,
MRS. C. A. LINDSEY,
Counselor.

BR COUNTY WIDE MOVEMENT BACKS JUNE OFFERING

Tremendous emphasis has been placed on the serious effort to retire the indebtedness on the Mississippi Baptist Work by the Jones county churches and pastors. The laymen in that association have seriously backed the debt-paying movement, and have given time and thought to fostering the special June offering. To date this represents the most significant move reported from any association. Below we print the list of the association's churches and the men who serve there, and also the enlistment pastor, B. B. Hilburn who has taken a deep interest in this phase of promoting the Kingdom's work:

Pastor, address, and churches:

W. W. Allred, Laurel, Rt. 4, Beulah and Tucker's Crossing.

Paul Z. Ball, Moselle—Moselle, Antioch, Shelton.

R. R. Darby, Seminary—Fairfield.

A. J. Faggard, Laurel—Laurel South.

L. G. Gates, Laurel—Laurel First.

B. S. Hilburn, Soso, RFD—Convention Board Worker.

S. B. Harrington, Laurel—Pine Grove, Pecan Grove.

B. B. Hilburn, Laurel—Laurel, 2nd Avenue.

P. G. Harper, Laurel, Rt. 4—Pleasant Home.

P. F. Herring, Laurel—Laurel, Beacon.

B. E. Massey, Laurel—Harmony and Bethel.

Martin V. McKinster, Ellisville—Ellisville.

E. T. Mobberly, Laurel—Clerk Association.

S. W. Monk, Laurel—Calvary.

S. E. Nix, Laurel, RFD—Bethlehem.

Gerald Riddell, Laurel—Laurel, West.

Bryan Simmons, Laurel, Moderator—Mt. Oral, Sharon.

W. B. Sanderson, Laurel, Rt. 5—Indian Springs.

M. C. Therrell, Sandersville—Sandersville.

S. W. Valentine, Laurel—Hebron, Centerville.

(Editor's Note: Since this list was made, A. J. Faggard has accepted the call to Clara church. Other pastors not named will doubtless be added when the time arrives for the June offering.)

DR. DEHAAN, CHICAGO SPEAKER, LEADS LARGEST BIBLE CLASS

Chicago—(Special)—A former medical doctor who forsook a \$20,000 yearly practice in 1923 in obedience to a call to the ministry and who now has the world's largest Bible class, was the speaker at the twelfth annual Easter sunrise service in Soldier Field on April 9. He is Dr. Martin R. DeHaan, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The interdenominational service, which in recent years has attracted about 50,000 annually in favorable weather and has drawn more than 400,000 persons since 1933, was planned in detail by a central committee of twenty laymen representing various evangelical movements in the Chicago area.

Commits Life to Christ

Dr. DeHaan had built up one of Michigan's most successful general medical practices when, in 1922, he suffered blood poisoning. As he lay in the shadow of death, he committed his life to Christ.

After restoration to health, he stifled a call to the ministry on the ground that Christian doctors are as necessary as clergymen, but he found no rest of spirit. The following year he sold his practice and entered seminary.

When DeHaan began using a microphone instead of his stethoscope seventeen years ago, he never dreamed of a global broadcast. His radio Bible class grew out of a program launched six years ago on Friday nights in the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, when the hearers decided to broadcast the messages over a local station.

Today, the Bible lesson is heard over the Mutual network and over almost 100 high-power stations not included in the great radio chains, as well as six short wave stations. The radio mail runs from 8,000 to 40,000 letters a week—The Protestant Voice.

BR ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

If so, the little boys of the Baptist Orphanage would really appreciate some help along these lines—Sunday plants, pajamas, and underwear (B. V. D. style or shorts and vests).

For some reason, the stores here stay "out" most of the time of these items.

We need to outfit boys from three years to 10 years of age especially.

Will you please plan a little sewing circle and make some pajamas or underwear right away, and we will say "MANY THANKS." Or you may speak to your local merchant and tell him of our needs, it may be that he will have a small supply on hand.

The girls are looking over my shoulder, a few of them need pajamas, too, they say, sizes 10-14. They also need slips, sizes 30, 32, 34 and 36. THANK YOU.

MRS. W. G. MIZE,
Baptist Orphanage,
Jackson, 37, Mississippi

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



WILLIAM W. MILLER
DEKALB IS NO. 735

One of the latest Every Family churches is DeKalb, William W. Miller, pastor. Having been pastorless for several months, DeKalb was ready to make progress when Rev. Miller became pastor some time ago. The work has made steady progress under the pastor's leadership. He is blessed with some good people who support him in a progressive program.

Kemper county now has Record readers listed as follows:

BAY SPRINGS 28, BLUFF SPRINGS 21, CENTER RIDGE 26 DEKALB 41, Friendship 1, Scooba 11, Blackwater 32, Corinth 1, and West Kemper 2.

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H. GRADY WILKES' FIELD

We saw a new kind of program by Rev. H. Grady Wilkes who is pastor of a field of churches in Yazoo county. It was a three day program. Study classes were held in the morning along with a V. B. S. From eleven to twelve was sermon time with a different preacher each day. Study classes were held in the afternoon. Valley School was the meeting place. Prof. Griffin, school principal, and Mrs. Griffin gave whole-hearted support.

All churches of Pastor Wilkes' field were represented as well as several other Yazoo county churches.

Other pastors might profit by investigating this plan.

We had the privilege of preaching one day. There was one profession of faith.

Yazoo County's Record readers are now listed as follows:

ANDING 23, BENTONIO 47, BETHLEHEM 44, BLACK JACK 65, CONCORD 28, EDEN 28, HEBRON 44, LIVERPOOL 18, Melrose 6, OAK GROVE 18, OGDEN 33, OIL CITY 35, PROVIDENCE 17, Rocky Springs 9, SATARTIA 12, YAZOO CITY 209.

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BRANCH IS EVERY FAMILY

Scott County Church Is No. 739

Recently Rev. Homer Ainsworth brought to The Baptist Record office an EVERY FAMILY list from Branch church, Scott county. Realizing the benefit of having his church informed, Pastor Ainsworth is sending the Record to the members of this church.

He feels that the money thus contributed will be returned many times as his people learn more about Baptist work.

Scott county Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHLEHEM 33; BRANCH 34; Forest 151; GOOD HOPE 44; HARPERVILLE 46; HILLSBORO 33; HOMewood 12; HOPEWELL 17; LAKE 44; Line Creek 1; LUDLOW 50; MORTON 75; OAK GROVE 17; PUŁASKI 20; SPRINGFIELD 65; CLIFTON 59; PLEASANT RIDGE 15; Union 1; Forkville 1; New Home 5; SARDIS 21, and Liberty 5.

**Seminary Church, Perry County
Is On EVERY FAMILY List**

C. E. McArn writes that Seminary church in Perry county voted 100% to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. He also states that Good Hope church will probably do likewise in the near future.

It is such cooperation as this from most of the Baptist pastors in Mississippi that has helped to make The Baptist Record circulation a marvel to many.

Perry county has Record readers listed as follows: Good Hope 8; JANICE 19; McLAIN 44; NEW AUGUSTA 54; PROSPECT 21; RUMELSTOWN 49; RICHTON 72; UNION 30; Indian Hill 5; and SEMINARY 12.

Pass Them On

Recently we received a letter which read in part as follows: "I have been handed a copy of your fine paper and I am so heartily interested in it that I want a copy every week. I am enclosing \$1.50."

Others will do likewise if they just get a taste. Pass yours on.

Pinola

We had the pleasure of being with Pastor Guy Little and the Pinola saints at the morning service on June 4. Pastor Little is an exception to the saying that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country." Pinola is his home territory and yet his people love and honor him.

They are building up a reserve fund so that they can build a modern church plant if and when.

Simpson county Record readers are listed as follows: Antioch 11; BRAXTON 44; COATS 16; D'Lo 14; FORK 40; GOODWATER 16; HARRISVILLE 54; Jupiter 8; MAGEE 98; MENDENHALL 92; MT. ZION 89; New Zion 2; Oak Grove 7; PALESTINE 19; PINE GROVE 25; PINOLA 51; PLEASANT HILL 50; Pleasant Valley 9; Poplar Springs 2; Sanatorium 2; Shivers 9; Siloam 2; STONEWALL 27; STRONG RIVER 30; Weathersby 6; MACE-DONIA 70; Spring Hill; Mendenhall 3; County Line 1.

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**SOLDIERS DONATE TO CHURCH
IN HAWAII**

Despite the fact they are overseas and devoting full time to jungle training, members of a rifle company in the Army's 40th Infantry Division have not neglected their support to the church. While on duty in the Hawaiian Islands, the infantrymen, under command of Captain Jerry Welcker of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Los Angeles, California, contributed a sum of \$160 toward the work of the church.

A small Protestant church at Holuoloa on the island of Hawaii had been destroyed by fire. The pastor and members of his congregation, faced with the problems of rebuilding with



JOHN I. HILL

Rev. John I. Hill goes as pastor to Union Baptist church, Union, Mississippi, the latter part of June.

The people at Union are eagerly awaiting his arrival.

Brother and Mrs. Hill have led in an excellent work at State Line and other places where they have served. They have proven themselves to be excellent leaders.

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**REVISED AMERICAN BIBLE READY
FOR PRINTER**

Chicago — (RNS) — The completed manuscript of the Revised American Standard Version of the New Testament will be ready for the publishers this fall, although production will be delayed by war-time conditions. Dr. Luther A. Weigle, of Yale Divinity School and chairman of the committee in charge of revision, announced here at the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education.

Work on the Old Testament is more than half-way completed, he told the group.

The new version will be "as modern as Moffatt's and Goodspeed's, but will still retain the essential characteristics of the King James' version," according to Dr. Weigle. There will be no "thee" or "thou" used, except in prayer. Words such as "saith" and "verily" have been eliminated. The new version will return to the King James' use of "the LORD."

Since the first revision in 1881 new manuscripts have been discovered and made available. In addition, the discovery of a body of secular Greek material revealed that the New Testament had been written in the common Greek of the day, rather than the classical Greek as had been assumed, Dr. Weigle said.

"There is a rising interest in the Bible today," declared Dr. Weigle. "The new version will meet that new interest and carry the meaning of the Bible more clearly and readably."

inadequate funds, appealed to the community for monetary assistance. On payday a box was placed in the company area for deposit of free-will offerings. Practically every officer and enlisted man, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish responded. Many of the soldiers probably will never see the church which they helped to build. This, however, is immaterial, one company spokesman asserted, for the men realize that the people of Holuoloa will remember them forever in their prayers, a great reward for a small service.



MISS MARY ELIZABETH THURMOND

Miss Mary Elizabeth Thurmond, is the new educational director of the First Baptist Church of Lexington, Mississippi. Miss Thurmond is a native of Lexington, having lived here most of her life. She is a graduate of Lexington high school and Mississippi Southern College at Hattiesburg. She has been serving as educational director of the First church, Meridian, for the past year. The whole town of Lexington is proud of Miss Thurmond and delights to have her come back home. Since her coming organizations of the church have enlarged, both in numbers and in efficiency.—Homer W. Roberson, pastor.

—BR—
MRS. W. H. WALDROP

In loving remembrance and appreciation of the splendid service rendered among us by Mrs. W. H. Waldrop, whose soul went home to God on March 21, 1944, the Woman's Missionary Society of Newton Baptist Church desires to express sincere and heartfelt gratitude for her life. A good woman has gone from us—gone to her eternal reward.

Though weak in body for a number of years, she found many ways in which to serve her Lord and the causes of His Kingdom. Those who came in contact with this kind, gentle woman felt the touch of the divine hand upon her life.

We shall ever remember her labors of love, her strength of character, the noble impulses expressed in Christian living, and her patient endurance of suffering which sweetened and mellowed her soul.

Our friend has gone to that home prepared for her by Him who said, "Let not your heart be troubled." Her influence remains with us to encourage all to press on in His service, looking toward that happy reunion with the redeemed of God.

Woman's Missionary Union,
Newton Baptist Church,
Newton, Mississippi.

—BR—
**AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
GRANTED EXTRA PAPER
BY WPB**

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—An allocation of 348,250 pounds of ex-quota paper to the American Bible Society has been announced by the Book Publishing and Manufacturing Section of the War Production Board's Printing and Publishing Division.

While the paper was allocated with "no strings attached," and may be used by the Society to meet any of its publishing requirements, officials in New York stated that the extra tonnage will be devoted entirely to Bibles for Army and Navy chaplains. These will be distributed at points of embarkation.

AFTER THE DEBTS ARE PAID

by
AUSTIN CROUCH

Dr. Crouch has proven a great leader. While others made debts, he led in paying them. While others CRITICIZED, he CONSTRUCTED. While others PLAYED, he PLANNED. While others PARAGRAPHERED, he PERFORMED. He speaks wisely in the following lines:

(The Executive Secretary of Southern Baptist Convention here seeks a solution to serious problems now confronting us.)

"For some 20 years the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies have been struggling with burdensome debts. This is also true of most of the Baptist State Conventions and of State institutions. I write concerning the Southwide debts because I am more familiar with them, and because of my connection with the Convention. Let me say, however, that I am deeply interest in all Baptist causes—local, state, Southwide, and worldwide.

I.

As a background of what I wish to say, it may be well to briefly review the history of our struggle with debts:

Just after the close of World War I, this country was prosperous. Business, industry, and farming were in flourishing condition. Farm prices went up, industry increased the production of goods—both consumers' and durable—and business expanded. Baptists and other religious denominations were caught in the wave of optimism. Enthusiasm prevailed at the 1919 Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention launched what was known as the 75 Million Campaign. The purpose of the campaign was to raise 75 million dollars for the support and enlargement of the causes fostered by Southern Baptists, both State and Southwide. The plan of the campaign was to ask for pledges to be paid within five years, one-fifth or \$15,000,000 to be paid each year. The promotion of the campaign was conducted in a marvelously efficient manner.

The idea and purpose of the campaign caught the imagination and stirred the hearts of Southern Baptists. When the pledges were counted, they amounted to **ninety-two million dollars!** That was 17 million dollars more than had been asked for. Many remember the thrill that ran through the ranks of Southern Baptists. And many remember the meeting held by the Campaign Committee, and others, to decide what to do with that extra 17 million dollars. But, alas, no extra 17 million dollars were realized. Instead, there was a deficit of 17 million dollars in the amount asked for (75 million dollars). The report at the end of the five-year period revealed that only 58 million dollars had been collected—34 million less than had been pledged. This situation, caused by a widespread financial depression, left the organized work of Baptists, both State and Southwide causes, swamped with debt. At one time these debts were, in round numbers: State debts \$12,000,000, and Southwide debts \$6,500,000; a total of \$18,500,000!

II.

The struggle with these debts has been long, hard, and, at times, heart-breaking. Most Baptists did not know, and do not now know, just how serious our financial situation was. The crisis was reached in 1933. It was then that the Executive Committee worked out, and recommended to the Convention a plan designed to meet in an effective way the debt situation. That plan—THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB—was adopted by the Convention. This movement started just when the debt situation was the most critical.

As samples of the desperate situation, take the cases of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. In 1933 both met financial crises when creditors demanded payment of obligations ahead of current expenses.

III.

It behooves Baptists to take to heart some of the outstanding lessons taught by the debt-struggle. Among the lessons are these:

1. **That debts retard work.** And if the debt is excessively large, it may jeopardize the work of an agency, and might even bankrupt it. During the debt-period, some

This message from the Quarterly Review is so timely we present it to all Mississippi Baptists. We dedicate it to our State wide debt paying VICTORY effort in June. The hour is at hand!

Mississippi Baptist Education Commission
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JACKSON, 105, MISSISSIPPI

JUNE DEBT-PAYING VICTORY MONTH!

agencies came perilously near to disaster. Current work had to be reduced; drastic retrenchments had to be made.

2. **That debts depress givers.** They become dispirited and discouraged. Many express severe criticisms. Such criticisms tend to disunity.

3. **That debts are hard to pay.** No argument is needed to convinced Baptists of the truth of this statement, except to cite the 20-year struggle in paying Southwide debts.

4. **That debts are expensive.** Their cost is high in many respects—in morale, in retrenched work, and in money. During the past 20 years the Convention and its agencies have paid out in interest some **five or six million dollars.**

It seems that the distressful experience of the past 20 years should cause the Southern Baptist Convention to conduct its work on a **Pay-As-You-Go-Plan!**

IV.

The battle with debts is over. Southern Baptists have maintained their reputation for integrity and honesty. They have reestablished their credit in the financial world. They have manifested a fixedness of purpose that has called forth praise far and wide. These achievements in the face of such tremendous difficulties should both hearten our people and give them courage and hope for the future.

Now that the struggle with the past debts is over, what about the future? Many are asking: "Will Baptists again incur depressing debts?" The answer to this question will depend largely upon Baptists themselves. Barring "acts of God" and emergencies over which no one has any control, it is possible for the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies to keep out of debt. Upon the recommendation of its Executive Committee, the Convention adopted a Business and Financial Plan for the purpose of preventing the incurring of debts, and that plan if strictly adhered to will prevent debts.

"Should Southern Baptists move forward in their work?" it may be asked. Most emphatically, they should. And if they desire to go forward, they have both the financial ability and the managerial ability to do so in a worthy way.

And it may also be asked: "Should Southern Baptists plan for the rehabilitation of their work destroyed by war?" Again, the answer is emphatically, yes. But they should plan to secure the funds necessary for such work through cash contributions, and not through borrowing. Some may insist "that the work of restoration must be done at the earliest possible moment, even if it is necessary to borrow a lot of money. Time must be saved." But time and money both may be lost in the long run by rushing into debt. Remember that it did so happen once.

Southern Baptists have a twofold task in seeking the success of their work. The two phases are, **enlistment and management.** The purpose of enlistment is to lead individual Baptists to co-operate in the support of the missionary, educational, and benevolent enterprises of the denomination. The method by which this is to be done is by information and appeal. The need for enlistment is great, and constant. Therefore, a perpetual program of enlistment should be carried on. At all times, in peace or war, each and every individual Baptist should be encouraged to make contributions to the Lord's work, according as the Lord gives prosperity. Successful enlistment demands tact, patience, fervor, and consecration.

The importance of management seemingly is not realized by many. There is nothing spectacular about it, to be sure, but proper management ranks high in the success of any enterprise. Be it remembered that management played a large part in bringing about the happy consummation of **Freedom from Debt.** To use the money contributed by thousands of Baptists in such a way as to carry on successfully the many lines of work of the Convention, and, at the same time to keep out of debt, calls for wise management on the part of each and every agency of the Convention.

May Baptists, everywhere, and at all times, go forward with holy zeal for the eternally important cause of the Christ, whose they are and whom they serve!"

THE CO-OPERATION OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD WITH THE STATE MISSION BOARDS

BY J. B. LAWRENCE
Executive Secretary-Treasurer,
Home Mission Board

The function of the Home Mission Board as an agency of the Convention is unique in many respects. It is a missionary board, a board of survey, a unifying agency for Southern Baptists, and a connectional board through which the impact of the entire denomination can be brought to bear upon the missionary tasks which are Southwide in their nature. In its co-operation with the state mission boards it can give, and does give, Southern Baptists a unity in effort in undertakings which are common to all the states.

The state conventions and organizations are not an integral part of the Southern Baptist Convention and never can be if we maintain our Baptist polity. But they are an important part of our denominational life and should have some means by which and through which they could, as organizations, co-operate in those mission tasks which are Southwide in their nature.

The Home Mission Board is an agency of all the churches of all the states, and in co-operation with the state mission boards can and does furnish the means by which each and every state convention can have a part in a unified mission program covering the entire territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Home Mission Board furnishes the nexus between the state mission boards, which our Baptist polity cannot provide, and gives to Southern Baptists a solidarity in our mission work in the homeland, on a co-operative basis, which other denominations secure by ecclesiastical overhead direction.

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The benefits of this co-operation are evident. Our state conventions are not all of equal strength, or of equal missionary needs. There is still a great West where Baptists are weak and missionary needs are great. New Mexico, Arizona, and Southern California are rich fields for missionary work, but the Baptists in these states are weak, and unless the stronger states of the Convention come to the relief of these weaker states, the fields of missionary need will be undeveloped.

We have made, recently, surveys in Southern California and Arizona, and we find that, according to these surveys, some of the most needy and richest missionary fields we have are in this territory. We could spend in each one of these states \$100,000 a year and not meet the need. Rich returns would be realized from such a mission program.

These weaker states are looking to the Home Mission Board for help. Those of us who live in well-churched sections with strong state organizations, who have not visited those western states, cannot possibly vision the missionary needs and opportunities in these states. Nor can we know of the heroic struggles of the Baptists in these states to meet their responsibility to the lost thousands around them.

II

In addition to these needy fields, there are missionary tasks of a south-wide nature which can be handled adequately only through the co-operation of the Home Mission Board

and the state mission boards.

In fact, the greatest missionary tasks in the homeland before Southern Baptists today are of that nature. These tasks are similar in all the states, and because of their magnitude demand a unified approach and a unified program in which the impact of the entire denomination is brought to bear upon them.

These fields are:

1. The Negro and his missionary needs, including racial relations, economic injustice, social rights, and moral and spiritual training;

2. The great and growing cities in the territory of our Convention, including the problems of the foreigners, slums, underprivileged groups, and the task of reaching the great unreached masses with the Gospel;

3. The rural field with its needs, including the tenant farmer, the migrant worker, and the problems of the struggling country church;

4. Evangelism, looking to the development of a distinctive Southern Baptist type of evangelism which will be sane, safe, sensible, sound, and scriptural.

Each one of these fields is common to all of our states, but in varying degrees. Some states have more Negroes than others, some states have more and larger cities than others, some states have a larger and more complicated rural problem than others, and some states have a more insistent evangelistic problem than others.

Now, in order to even things up and give to every state not only the help it needs to meet its obligations to the lost, but also to give a unified Convention-wide type of work—a type of program worked out by the experience and thought of all the workers and backed up and implemented by the whole denomination—it is necessary to have the co-operation of all the state mission boards with the Home Mission Board.

III

The Home Mission Board has as its purpose the evangelization of the homeland. It shall endeavor to reach every section of the Convention territory with the gospel. It does not want any section to suffer for lack of help if it can render it. It wants every needy field occupied. It wants every part of our territory to have the advantage of the best plans and methods that the denomination, working and thinking together, can produce. For this purpose and to this end the Home Mission Board shall seek the closest co-operation with the state mission boards.

Take the Negro work as an illustration. Here is a field of missionary need that touches every section of our territory, but in different degrees.

Some states have almost as many Negroes as whites, other states have very few Negroes. Mississippi has 50% Negroes, but New Mexico has very few. Some states have large cities packed with Negroes, others very few cities. But all the states have Negroes. This is a field of work common to all, but different in degree.

Southern Baptists have a responsibility to the Negro which can be met only by knowing their needs as a race and meeting these needs with

a well-devised program. No segmental approach to this task will suffice. It is a denominational responsibility and should have the impact of the whole denomination brought to bear upon it.

The same things are true in the city mission work, the rural work, and evangelism. In all of these fields we need a comprehensive denominational program. The Home Mission Board recognizes this fact.

The Board recognizes the importance of a Convention-wide approach to the missionary needs of the eleven million Negroes in our midst, to the sixty cities in our Convention territory of one hundred thousand population and over, to the country sections and the struggling country churches and to the great problem of developing a distinct Southern Baptist type of evangelism, and is ready to co-operate with the state mission boards in giving to Southern Baptists a unified Southwide mission program for these supremely important undertakings.

Our homeland must be won for Christ as a base for the international propagation of Christianity. This means that churches must be planted in every needy section; that every province of our thinking, every area of our lives, every region of our relation to others and others' relation to us must be brought under the influence of the gospel.

BR HOW NOT TO DO IT

Every day The Baptist Record receives requests for changes of address. In our files are more than 41,000 names. These names are not filed alphabetically but by train routes.

Almost every day we have a request like the following:

"Please change my Record address. I have moved and don't want to miss a copy. Sincerely,

JOHN SMITH"

Sometimes the card or letter gives the new address. Quite often it does not, and seldom does it give the old address. And without the old address we do not know where to look for the name.

HOW TO DO IT

Below we give the correct way to ask for a change of address:

"Please change my address from 1901 Columbus St., Clinton, Miss., to _____ St., _____ Miss. My Record comes on the EVERY FAMILY Plan through _____ church—or I am a member of _____ church, in _____ county.

Sincerely,
A GOOD BAPTIST."

We mailing department workers are trying to keep every name in its proper place. Follow the above directions and help us to do a better job.

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Two little boys were talking. One said to the other: "Aren't ants funny little things? They work and work and never play."

"Oh, I don't know about that," replied the other. "Every time I go on a picnic they are there."—Exchange.

BR

Of course we are expecting to take our "special" offering in June for the over and above for the debt-paying campaign.—J. E. Wills.

MRS. V. J. GREER

"God calls those we love but we lose not wholly what He has given. They live on earth in thought and deed as truly as in heaven."

We, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Monticello Baptist Church, wish to honor the memory of our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. Myra Bullock Greer.

When Mrs. Greer was called to her reward on March 13, 1944 our society and church lost an active and faithful member, active though more than eighty-two years of age. Since 1918 Mrs. Greer had capably served her society and church in many ways. She had loyally served as president of the society, circle chairman, teacher in Sunday school and class officer and was chairman of the Laura Beal Circle at the time of her home-going. A faithful steward herself, she was for some years associational stewardship chairman.

The memory of her loyal leadership and gracious deeds will serve as a lighted torch to those who follow her. Diligent in service, generous in her giving, devoted to the cause of her Master, she truly exemplified in her life the fruits of the Spirit. We will ever cherish the memory of her beautiful Christian life. We extend to her loved ones the deepest sympathy of our hearts.

May this tribute be sent to her children, placed on the minutes of our society and copies sent for publication in the Lawrence County Press and Baptist Record.

Committee:

Mrs. C. D. RHYMES,
Mrs. A. C. BRINSON,
Mrs. W. E. SELMAN,
Mrs. J. E. HORTON.

BR
MRS. V. D. CHEATHAM

Since God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to write finis and close the book on the beautiful life of Mrs. V. D. Cheatam and since we know that her husband, son, brothers, and sisters have lost a devoted wife, mother and sister; our W. M. U. and church a loyal member; and the town and community a loyal and useful citizen,

Therefore Be It Resolved:

First, that we extend to her husband, son and other loved ones our deepest sympathy and commend them to Him who knows even afar off what is best for His children, and who does not grieve or afflict willingly those who trust Him.

Second, that we bow in humble submission to His will, knowing that He is too wise to make a mistake, and that one day we shall be able to say, "Thy will be done."

Third, that we think not our loved one and friend as one who has gone, but that we think of her as one who has merely been transplanted to a fairer clime where the flowers she loved are blooming eternally in rich profusion; and that even now being freed from pain and care she is enjoying them in all of their beauty and fragrance.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her husband and son, that a copy be sent to The Baptist Record, and a copy be spread on our W. M. U. record.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. CHAS. MINTER,
Mrs. J. C. BAKER,
Mrs. R. A. MELTON,
Committee.

BR
A SECOND MILE CHURCH

Dear Dr. McCall:

"The church here will take part in the special June offering for the Now Club. We paid our pledge about a year ago, the church at that time voted to make regular contributions to this fund until all debts were paid.

—R. E. Gardner, Louin church, Jasper county."



Baptist Training Union

BOX 530 — JACKSON, 105, MISS.



INTRODUCING MISS LOUISE HILL, now connected with the Baptist Training Union Department. Miss Hill comes to us from Winston county, a member of the Murphree Creek Baptist church. Her's will be a new position with us. She will give her time largely to rural work, strengthening the associational work. She is well qualified for this task, having lived and served in a good rural community, serving as Training Union director. For several years she has taught school, thus giving her added experience in working with people. She will be available for study courses, enlargement campaigns, associational meetings, conferences with associational officers, etc. We are fortunate in being able to have Miss Hill. We are grateful that the State Convention Board with the cooperation of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville has made

this additional work possible. Miss Hill will be in each of the fifteen District Training Union Conventions in June and will lead the conference for the Young People.

HE, TOO, LOVED BEAUTY

I love beauty in the open valleys,
Tinting the sunset, and the swallow's flight,
Must breath the air of squalid city alleys,
Shut from the cool caresses of the night.
Wistful of fragrance where the springtime dallies,
Sharing with sordid souls a city's blight.

He, too, loved beauty, but a city drew him.
Flowers he found in little children's eyes;
Something of grace in lepers stumbling to Him;
Fragrance of spikenard split in sweet surprise;
Joy in forgiving men at last who slew Him;
Courage in service, hope in sacrifice.
—Edwin McNeill Poteate, Jr.

SOUTHWIDE BROTHERHOOD SECRETARY VISITS MORGAN CITY

The deacons of the Morgan City church requested their pastor to invite Lawson H. Cooke, secretary of the Brotherhood of the South, to visit them. The ladies of the church arranged a delightful chicken and spaghetti supper in the dining room of the church. The visitor presented the plan of the Baptist Brotherhood in the local church, pointing out difficulties and opportunity for developing a strong spiritual force in the church and community. He pitched the work on such a high spiritual plane that the men were convinced of its worth. Later, the deacons recommended to the church that a Brotherhood be organized. The church accepted the recommendation, and Prof. J. S. Hattox was elected the first president. Plans are under way to perfect the organization. The enlistment of man-power of the churches has long been under discussion in the state. Not until a state secretary for the work is placed in charge will the Brotherhood movement do very much. The Sunday school, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union made very little progress until secretaries were put in charge and the departments set up as a part of the Convention Board work. The men are begging for a secretary. This would immediately yield financial and spiritual dividends.—C. J. Olander.

—BR—

Bentonville Baptists are planning to have a good part in the special June offering, freeing Mississippi Baptists of debt. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton, is pastor.

THE DEFICIT ACCOUNT

The deficit in the Christian Education account is one item in our debt paying account. Elsewhere in this issue we have given the May 31 deficit as \$58,232.21 in amount. This item developed in the following manner: You will recall we have been calling large blocs of our bonds over the past four years. We did it, first, from monies sent in for that purpose. Second, we called bonds beyond monies in the bond account. We did this for the reason that we had a good reserve on hand and we saved 6% interest. This alone meant saving several thousand dollars in interest.

NOVEMBER 1, 1943, this deficit was \$40,206.31.

JANUARY 1, 1944 this deficit was \$124,085.07.

The increased deficit came from calling bonds December 1, 1943, while monies did not come in to cover the call. You were told this in The Baptist Record, page 11, November 4, 1943.

April 1, 1944 amount of deficit—\$82,214.38.

April 30, 1944 amount of deficit—\$71,802.43.

May 31, 1944 amount of deficit—\$58,232.21.

The reduction in the deficit in this account came about through the Cooperative Program and Now Club funds.

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Rev. C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen First church, sends in the following interesting message about the campaign: "We raised \$300 yesterday for our debts. Hope to get more before June ends."

AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary
MISS RUTH LOFTIN, Young People
MISS LOUISE HILL, Rural Emphasis
MISS NELLA DEAN MITCHELL, Office

Congratulations to Dr. Norman Price, pastor of the Indianola church. During the week of May 14th the Training Union sponsored a "Pastor Appreciation Week." Each day during the week one department wrote the pastor letters or cards of appreciation. On Monday the Young People wrote him, on Tuesday the adults wrote, on Wednesday it was from the Intermediates he received his messages, on Thursday the Juniors added their word of appreciation, and on Friday the children and leaders of the Story Hour had joy in taking part. The week of May 21st was given to Youth Emphasis. What a fine idea, and how better could a church encourage their pastor.

"A Scotchman bought only one spur because he figured where one side of the horse went the other was sure to follow."

"I've just been reading about a Greek maiden who sat and listened to a lyre all night."

Pat: The bullet went in me chest and came out me back.

Mike: That couldn't be, it would have gone through your heart and killed you.

Pat: Me heart was in me mouth at that time.

Thanks to "State Student" for the above jokes.

This week we are in the first week of our District Conventions. When you read this perhaps we will have completed four or five of these meetings. Next week, beginning Monday and running through Friday we will meet respectively as follows: First church, Laurel; Mt. Olive; First church, Picayune; Brookhaven; First Church, Vicksburg. Pray for these meetings, and attend if you are in that area.

The District Training Union Convention for District 13 has been changed to First church, Picayune, instead of Goodyear. The date is the same, June 14.

Again we ask please give us the name of any church that has been without a Training Union prior to the first of this year but have organized since January 1st. You may have had a union in former years, but for some months at least prior to 1944 you did not have one. We need this record and will appreciate your giving it to us.

Eden: Here is check for retirement. I had two young men to come by baptism in January. One of our young men sent a check for \$100 from Italy and another man not a member gave a \$100 war bond for Sunday school rooms. This happened at Holly Bluff. —D. I. Young.

From Clear Creek church, Lafayette county, Brother B. W. Jones, we hear the good news as follows: "We expect to make an offering to debt-paying campaign, June 18. Please send me 150 Now Club envelopes for this offering if you have them."

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Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

SO THIS JUNE

The month of wedding bells! However, the Sunday school department is not necessarily promoting weddings, but we do have three distinct features for emphasis in June.

They are: Christian Education, Hospitals, and the Victory Offering for the Now Club.

We hope every school in Mississippi will give just consideration to these three features during June.

Special envelopes for the Victory offering for the Now Club may be secured by writing Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss.

Many churches have signified their intention to participate in this June Victory Offering. Let's make it 100 per cent, and our Sunday schools can make a big contribution both in leadership as well as in the offering itself.

Brother superintendent, we are counting on you!

Free Programs

The Sunday school department has in mimeographed form a suggestive program for use in the joint worship program at the beginning of the school each day.

This gives the exact words for the leader and the pupils, motto, call to worship verse, scripture, songs, pledges to the United States and Christian flags and the Bible, with song following each, etc.

If you would like to have one just drop us a card. Of course, all of these items are given in the regular Junior-Intermediate joint service book that may be secured at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, but if you want one of these mimeographed sheets so that you may have it all in condensed form we shall be happy to mail you one upon request.

Vacation Bible school reports are already coming in, and we hope that you will see to it that your school is reported immediately upon its close. We hope that 1944 will be our greatest year yet in Vacation schools.

May Standards

May was a real good month with us in standards. We are glad to give below the units that made standard recognition during the month of May.

Classes

JUNIOR: Loyal Soldiers, Philadelphia, Miss Freeda McCullough, teacher; Good Workers, Philadelphia, Miss Laura Green; Busy Bees, Philadelphia, Miss Ruth Lay; Wide Awake, Philadelphia, Mrs. C. L. Hathaway; Boys Cadet Corps, Philadelphia, J. E. Fields; Willing Workers, Philadelphia, Mrs. Joab Langston; His Followers, Philadelphia, Miss Eliza Crews; Dorcas, Philadelphia, Mrs. P. E. Walker.

INTERMEDIATE: Buddies, Hattiesburg Fifth Avenue, J. D. Headrick, teacher; Sunshine Scatterers, Hattiesburg Fifth Avenue, Mrs. E. M. O'Neal; Ideal, Mendenhall, Mrs. R. E. Davis; Pure Gold, Louisville, Mrs. H. C. Coggin; Daughters of Ruth, Jackson First, Miss Gladys Clement; Sunshine, Utica, Mrs. G. W. Simmons; Reflectors, Utica, Mrs. J. E. Caston; Broadcasters, Columbus First, Mrs. O. P. Breland; Loyal Daughters, Columbus First, Miss Grace Heard; Used in Christ, Columbus First, C. E. Farmer.

ADULT: T. E. L., Grenada First, Mrs. R. B. Thomason, teacher; Lydia,

Meridian First, Mrs. John Jolly.

Departments

Beginner, Laurel First, Mrs. Byrd T. Yount, superintendent; Intermediate, Utica, Mrs. Owen Williams, superintendent; Intermediate, Hattiesburg Fifth Avenue, Mrs. P. E. Slade, superintendent; Intermediate, Columbus First, Mrs. H. S. McCoy, superintendent.

Schools

Union, Dr. C. M. Savage, pastor, Ralph Grady, superintendent; West Point, Rev. John E. Barnes, pastor, W. R. Bruce, superintendent; Plantersville, Rev. F. V. McFatridge, pastor, C. L. Bucy, superintendent; Goodman, Rev. Madison Flowers, pastor, J. T. Skelton, superintendent; New Hope (Sunflower association), Rev. H. W. Tynes, pastor, J. L. Harris, superintendent; Senatobia, Dr. H. L. Martin, pastor, Sam C. Stevens, superintendent; Oak Grove (Lauderdale association), Rev. B. Dolfis Hardin, pastor, B. B. Hodges, superintendent; Carthage, Rev. H. W. Shirley, pastor, M. D. Reagan, superintendent.

This is the first time that several of these classes, departments and schools have been standard. We extend our sincerest congratulations to the leaders of each of these units on the fact that they have led.

More Than Ever

The report from Nashville shows that Mississippi had more Sunday school training awards during April of this year than for any other April since the new Sunday school course began October 1, 1934.

Of course, we are proud of this record, but even at that it is no more than it should be, if as much, when we consider all that is involved in the fundamental program of teaching and training workers to better perform their tasks.

Any month is a good time to train the workers. It will not always be in the form of a regular class in one of the study course books, but it can be just as effectively done through conferences, clinics, interviews, workers meetings, etc. More and more many of our pastors and superintendents are seeing the close and vital relationship between teaching and training their leaders and effective work. Training leaders is not something peculiar to Christian work. It is true everywhere in life. We may know and not do but we certainly will not do if we don't know.

Therefore, train your workers at every opportunity, and through every available means and agency possible. Then, make a way. Sometimes we can make our opportunities.

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LEAKESVILLE ENJOYS PROGRESS

Leakesville Baptists "have a mind to work" and they have fruits of their labor to show for it. The auditorium has been redecorated throughout and is now one of the prettiest of its size in the state. Sunday school rooms have been added by partitioning and many have been redecorated. An electric water pump has been installed for the kitchen and baptistry. A religious census shows 322 prospects. The Baptist Record goes into homes of all the churches of this field. We have baptized 14, one other awaits the ordinance at this time, and 17 others have been received by letter. Most of June, all of July and August are dated for revivals, all in Greene county. This is as we would have it for we want to see the work in our own county grow. We know of no better way than to serve in the county where we live. Our prayer meetings, now being held each Wednesday night, have reached a peak attendance of 52. We have led two churches to make an extra contribution for the debt-paying campaign in June, and have worthy offerings from three others. We have led four churches to participate in the Ministers' Retirement Plan, papers for which will be in Secretary McCall's hands within a few days. Rev. A. C. Parker of the Petal-Harvey church is

BUSY WEEK IN RED CREEK UNION CHURCH

The revival at Red Creek Union church in Jackson county was led by F. G. Wilborn of Lucedale. He taught a Sunday school study course in the mornings and held evangelistic services at night. On Monday night two fine young deacons were ordained. W. E. David and N. V. Flurry. S. E. Nix delivered the ordination sermon and F. G. Wilborn, the charge. Other deacons present were Joe David, father of W. E. David, N. V. Parker and J. L. Flurry. A fine spirit of fellowship and cooperation is evident in the church work. The church uses the **EVERY FAMILY** Plan of The Baptist Record. Enlistment Pastor B. S. Hilburn assisted in a meeting last year, and good results of his work still show in the number of tithers in the church. The church has half time services.—A. T. Walker, pastor.

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A card from Brother J. D. Forsyth, Corinth, informs us that Rev. Jim A. Smith has been called as pastor for West Corinth. They get a good pastor and he goes to a fine people.

to lead our revival. We are praying, working and hoping for a great spiritual outpouring at that time.—M. E. Perry, pastor.

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DR. L. G. GATES

GATES BEGINS FORTIETH YEAR

On May 21, 1944, Dr. L. G. Gates began his fortieth year as pastor of First Baptist Church, Laurel. During these fruitful years he has baptized more than 1,000 people and the budget of the church has grown from \$3,000 to \$30,000. Today the church has excellent prospects, and the future is bright. His influence in his community has been for the right and his church is one of the outstanding among the state groups.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Gates starts his 40th year by leading his church to send \$1,000 for the June Now Club offering. See picture of check on page 1.)

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PROTESTANTISM SPEAKS OUT
ON THE PEACE

The May issue of Christian Herald, America's largest Protestant periodical, carries the final report of its poll on the peace. Polling 275,000 subscribers, the Herald vote discloses several unexpected trends in the thinking of a large cross-section of interdenominational American Christianity. Eighty-seven percent voted to punish the leaders of the Axis, but a majority of 70 percent voted against punishment for the people of the Axis nations; there was a definite insistence that the punishment be inflicted in a spirit of justice, and not in revenge; 70 percent favored punishment of under-officers and soldiers guilty of atrocities; 77 percent would disarm the Axis completely and 41 percent would deprive them of their colonies; 49 percent would demand indemnities of the Axis; 54 percent wants to conscript Axis manpower to rebuild devastated areas. The highest percentage of affirmative votes in the poll (91 percent) were cast in favor of American participation in a post-war League of Nations.

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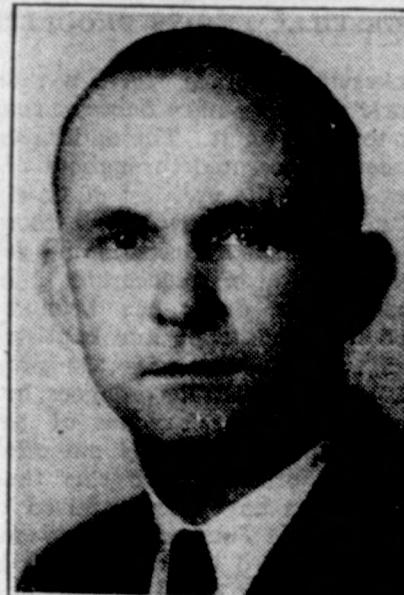
ROCKEFELLER GIVES \$100,000 FOR
NORTHERN BAPTIST WAR
RELIEF

Atlantic City, N. J.—(RNS)—A gift of \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to the War Emergency Forward Fund of the Northern Baptist Convention was announced during the meeting of the Convention here.

The donation is earmarked for reconstruction and repair of churches of the denomination and for the creating of a center abroad for the care of war victims.

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The First Baptist Church, Meridian, recently increased the number of its Board of Deacons from 25 to 36.



JOHN E. BARNES

NEW MAIN STREET PASTOR

John E. Barnes, Jr., who has accepted the call of the Main Street church in Hattiesburg, looks forward with great anticipation to his work in the Hub City. He describes West Point as the "happiest pastorate he ever had," and pays highest tribute to the people in First church, where he has been pastor for more than two years. During this time there were 333 additions to the church, 117 being by baptism. Total gifts have been for the two year period, \$43,621.71, which is \$19,819 more than has been given in any two years in the history of the church. Gifts last year reached a total higher than any two years in the past, preceding 1942. Said he: "Most of this increase I believe is due to the more than 200 tithers in the church." Forty-seven per cent of all gifts have gone to outside causes.

The Sunday School qualified for the standard award last year for the first time, and is standard now. A building fund is being built up at about the rate of \$10,000 a year. Regarding the people he is leaving he says, "But for the fact that I truly believe I am being led by God, I would not go. Never have I worked with a people more cooperative and generous. And since coming to Mississippi two years ago, I have learned to love the people of this state. There is a spirit of fellowship and good will manifested in Mississippi that I believe few other states can equal."

All the churches in Hattiesburg and that section of the state will join Main Street in welcoming this young pastor and his family.

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OTHER OFFICERS WILL SERVE
AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Serving with Kenny Pepper, president of the student body at Mississippi College, will be the following honor council as recently elected: Woodrow Clark, Bob Touchstone, Betty Breland, and Conway Lawrence. Executive council members are: David Grant, Jean Horn, Joe Causey, Harold Kitchings, and Conway Lawrence. Jean Berry will serve as editor of the college annual, "The Tribesman." Jimmy Riley will be business manager for the publication. Catherine Crigler is secretary-treasurer, and David Caul attorney for the group.

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Virginia Baptists have elected a layman, John R. Bryant, as Executive Secretary of the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education. Mr. Bryant has served as assistant to Dr. Frank Crump for several years. Dr. Crump recently retired.



BARBARA KERLEY

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 15—Barbara Kerley, Lewisburg, Tenn., who reigned as Queen of the May at Blue Mountain College.

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MRS. SADIE MOSLEY

Mrs. Sadie McCoy Mosley passed away May 1. She was serving as president of the Blackwater Missionary Society at the time of her death, and had served as county superintendent and district worker. She was succeeded in the presidency by Mrs. O. R. Mosley. The following resolutions were approved by the Blackwater W. M. S.:

"Whereas in the wisdom of the heavenly Father Mrs. Sadie Mosley has gone to her eternal home, and whereas she will be missed because of her loyalty and patience, and her sweet Christian activities, and whereas we remember the encouragement she gave and the spirit of her life, therefore we express heartfelt sympathy to her loved ones in this great sorrow."—Mrs. C. L. Key.

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MRS. JESSIE EDWARDS SWEENEY

Mrs. Jessie Edwards Sweeney, aged 32, was called to her heavenly reward on May 12, 1944. Jessie lived a beautiful Christian life, doing what she could to make life easier for others. She is survived by her husband, B. F. Sweeney; three daughters, Martha Ann, Margaret and Geneva; five sisters and three brothers.

Jessie was a member of the Hickory Ridge Baptist Church. Services were conducted by O. L. Lindsey of Center Terrace Baptist Church, Canton.

Mrs. Vergie Russell, Florence, Miss.

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G. W. WOLFE

G. W. Wolfe, 24, youngest son of Monroe Wolfe of near Cascilla, was accidentally killed February 23, 1944, when he stepped into the propeller of a plane at San Diego, Calif., where he was a machinist's mate second class. He had seen more than a year's service overseas. He leaves a father, stepmother, four brothers, three sisters, many relatives and friends. He was a member of the New Life church, where he acted as Sunday school superintendent before going into the service. Rev. J. B. Ray of New Albany, under whom he was converted, conducted the funeral, March 1. His life was lived as a believer in Christ, and his place will be hard to fill.

"He loved his home, his country and loved ones well; But to all of these he had to bid farewell."—Eva Thomas.

—BR—

Son: Mother, do angels have wings?
Mother: Yes, dear.
Son: Daddy said nurse was an angel. When will she fly?
Mother: Tomorrow morning.—Ex.



Correct answers on page 15.
1. When the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" in (Luke 2:14), ancient manuscripts contained different versions. How did these read?

2. Aaron and Moses said, the locusts would "cover the face of the earth" (Exodus 10, 5). How would your Sunday School class explain the meaning of the above quotation?

3. Do you know the location of 'The garden of Eden,' its early Babylonian name, and what the Hebrew translation of 'Eden' meant?

4. Continuing the analysis of Old Testament books, this week we cover books 20, 21, 22 and 23.

LOVE

There are many ways to say it and it has been said in almost every way. The best, however, is "Love thy neighbor as thyself." If all the things that have been taught and preached about Christianity had to be summed up in just one word, it would have to be "Love." I can close my eyes, and in imagination see the word suspended in mid-air, each letter shining like a jewel. On each slender point I see beautiful words such as, kindness, meekness, tolerance, beauty, patience, temperance, humility, and many more. But there are no such words as selfishness, hypocrisy, covetousness, indifference, hate, envy and jealousy. It is wonderful that any person may possess these lovely virtues, if they but will to do so! If we "love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, and strength," then we will love our neighbor as ourselves!—Mrs. J. T. Truluck, Laurel, Miss.

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AUGUSTA ROBERTS SMITH

In memory of our mother who departed this life on May 12, 1944, being 91 years and one month old the day she died, this history is given. She was born and reared near Edwardsville, Ala. She joined the old County Line church in Leake county at an early age, and was a consistent member until her death. Although almost an invalid, she bore her afflictions patiently and the fruits of her life spoke out for her Christian character. She was married to Isaac Smith in 1872 and they had 14 children. Her husband preceded her in death 24 years ago. She had 50 grandchildren and 80 great-grandchildren. Her life was a wonderful example to all who knew and loved her.

In that city of shut-ins there is no sorrow or care. No wheelchairs or crutches, no aches or pain there. It was on a Friday morning she heard the trumpet blow. They could tell by her expression it was time for her to go.

A daughter,

Mrs. Zora Jenkins, Sallis, Miss.

—BR—

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, is in a revival at Parkway Baptist, Jackson, this week. Morning services are at 7:00 and evening services at 7:45. Dr. Grey is known all over the south as a great gospel preacher. Rev. Zeno Wells is directing the music.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

PAUL'S PLEA FOR ONESIMUS

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for June 11. Epistle of Paul to Philemon. (Read thoughtfully the entire Epistle.)

I. A Word Concerning Paul—

The writer of the brief but precious epistle which forms the subject of our study today is himself a rich and never-failing subject of study. In the writing before us, he describes both his attitude and himself in the words, "For love's sake I rather beseech, being such a one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus." (Vs. 9.) As to his temperament and character, Paul is himself the best painter. His humility induced him to abandon the grand title of "Saul" (desired) and assume the humbler one of "Paul" (the little one), appropriate, perhaps, because of his bodily size, but adopted, no doubt, from that humility which makes him count himself to be, "Less than the least of all saints, and not worthy to be counted an apostle." The truest impression of him is to be gained from a study of his speeches and epistles; for, in these we perceive the warmth and ardor of his nature, his affectionate disposition, the tenderness of his sense of honor, the courtesy and personal dignity of his bearing, and his perfect frankness. We see also the rare combination of subtlety, tenacity, and versatility existing in his intellect, with a practical wisdom generally associated with a cooler temperament than his, and a forbearance and tolerance seldom joined with such impetuous convictions as he entertained.

Now of all that I have said above, I know no writing of Paul's, of the like length or of any length, which sets forth his distinguishing characteristics in clearer light or larger number than does this little epistle of only 25 verses. It is for this reason that I beseech you again, take plenty of time to read it, and again.

II. A Word Concerning the Occasion For Writing of the Epistle—

There was living in the city of Colossae at the period of Paul's ministry there, a gentleman of wealth and prominent social position named Philemon. He was led to the Lord by Paul, and thereupon threw open his house as a meeting place for the Christians of the city.

Philemon owned a slave, as did every man of wealth in his day, not one only, but many of them, large numbers of slaves. But the one of Philemon's named Onesimus (Profitable), a very common name for slaves in that day. This one, however, had not been so profitable. He had fled from his master, an action which was probably a desire to gain personal freedom in flight to some "freedom land" somewhere. There was no such land within the empire, nowhere for a slave to go and become free, so what was the sense in a slave's fleeing the roof of a master as benevolent as Philemon was reputed to be? The dread which the slave held for his master was no doubt inspired by some reprehensible action he had committed before leaving his master's house, and because of which he left it. It may have been that a sense of shame

drove him off. Yielding to sudden temptation, he had committed some offense against the moral standards in consequence of which he was ashamed to look his master in the face again. So Onesimus fled to Rome, in the teeming masses of whose streets it was easier to get lost than anywhere else in the world.

But the eye of the Lord was upon this wandering sheep, and the Lord directed the steps of His under-shepherd in the search of straying one. Somebody may have brought the slave to Paul, but Paul most certainly brought him to the Lord, and to the freedom with which the Lord makes slaves free. The runaway feet of the slave were treading the path that led straight to God's man and finally to God's mansion. So all their lives are the footsteps of those upon whom the Lord has set His love attended by God's blessed keepers of the way. Many a time have we supposed that we 'happened' at a place, when the truth is, the providences of the Lord have shepherded us every step of the way. An example of this very thing is Paul's finding of Onesimus. He saw the face of Paul fade into the face of his Lord, and after that, he must make things right with his earthly master. Paul, therefore, sent Onesimus the slave home to Philemon the master, and with the slave a letter to the master. Here it is, "The Epistle of Paul to Philemon."

III. A Glance at the Epistle—

1. The Signature. Vs. 1, "Paul the prisoner of Christ Jesus and Timothy the brother." See! He is an old man now, "prisoner of Christ Jesus," utterly humble, utterly dependent.

2. The Address. It was to Philemon, but not to him exclusively, but to two other individuals who are named, and then, "to the church in thy house." The two named are supposed to be his wife and the son of Philemon, "the church" is the body of Christians who were accustomed to meet in Philemon's house.

3. The benediction. "Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Of all the wishes men may entertain for one another and express out of profound and earnest love, there is none other in the world of matter or spirit so lofty as this. Who was it recently said,

"Man is unquestionably the wisest of all creatures. He spends the labor of his brawn and brain in digging gold out of the earth, then buries it under the ground and mounts a guard over it to make sure that it remains under the ground"? If the grace of God be upon you so as to bring you salvation from perdition, salvation from stumbling and wandering, salvation unto the glorified company of the redeemed, tell me what is there on earth or in the waters beneath it that is worthy to be compared with this "grace" and "peace". Well! That means walking with God, walking with The Good. The sociologists say that the position of the best people in any community is secured by wealth, material wealth. By means of it, leisure for culture is secured, and the implements of culture are obtained. But the little child who walks with his father is not called upon to furnish the things. His father has that business in charge. And he who walks with God, has peace with God, shares with The Good the very best of all that is needed to make one wholly best.

4. The Commendation. Vs. 4-7. Paul thanks God for a good man,

and mentions the elements which compose this goodness. Before he does this latter, he prays that this good man may continue in the grace and peace of God, that he may not stumble. He has been hearing things on Philemon. His faith in the Lord Jesus as expressed in his love to the brethren. The man who truly loves his brethren—All right! Have it that way, then; it's all the same, say, "The man who truly loves his Fellow Man is the man of faith," and see if I care. Love toward all the saints; because of the faith in the Lord. Thy faith in the Lord, and thy consequent love toward all the saints. Of course this love will refresh the hearts of the saints, always.

5. The Method. Vv. 8-9.

I mean the method of his approach to the expression of his desire. He could have enjoined a duty upon Philemon, could have said, "I charge you to do your Christian duty"; but it would be better to plead the privilege of Christian love, to beseech a favor as the fruit of love.

6. The Case of the Slave. (a) Onesimus was dear to Paul as a son, being a child of God whom Paul had led into the household. (b) Onesimus had been unprofitable to Philemon, but that was before he met the Lord and became a bondman of His. Now, he is Philemon's fellow-bondsman, fellow-servant, fellow-laborer, brother in the Lord. (c) Onesimus was to represent Paul to Philemon. "If you love me," he would say, "love, then, my brother and your brother in the Lord; for that he is one of the Lord's own we shall love him for the sake of the Lord, for we are always constrained by that love." I think Paul would say that. I think he would say that the one crucial test as to whether a man loves the Lord is this. Does he love all those the Lord loves? Yes! I think that might be the test right now. Face it! Are Christian people to come in this time to nurture a doctrine of hate? "A song of hate is a song of hell, They who sing it sing it well. Let them sing it." Whom do you hate? the Japs? Does the Lord? Can you assume toward them the attitude that the Lord assumes? and maintains?

(d) Remedy for the Wrong Onesimus Has Wrought. V. 18. Charge it up to me. I will engage to make it right.

(e) Result of the Pursuit of the Course Advised. V. 20. If you can do as I have requested, I shall have joy in consequence. Why follow Paul's advice? Not simply because he advises it, but because it is obviously the Christian course. The Christian course of conduct is easy to find in nine cases out of ten.

7. The Salutation. Vv. 22-25. read it again.

Paul had not yet been to Colossae, but he hoped to go soon, so he asked that he might have a place to stay, if he did get a chance to see them face to face. As to the effect of this epistle upon Philemon and the family and the church, there can hardly be room for doubt. How did it affect the position of Onesimus? It ameliorated his condition. Did his master set him free? Maybe not, but we may be sure that he was treated as a brother at his home. "How could one man hold another in slavery and treat him as a brother?" you likely could not.

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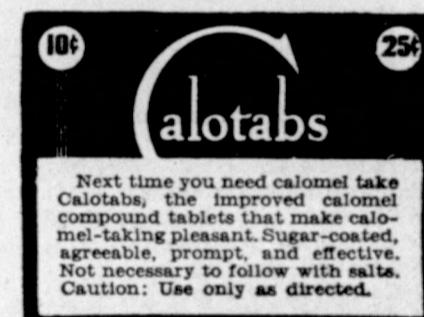
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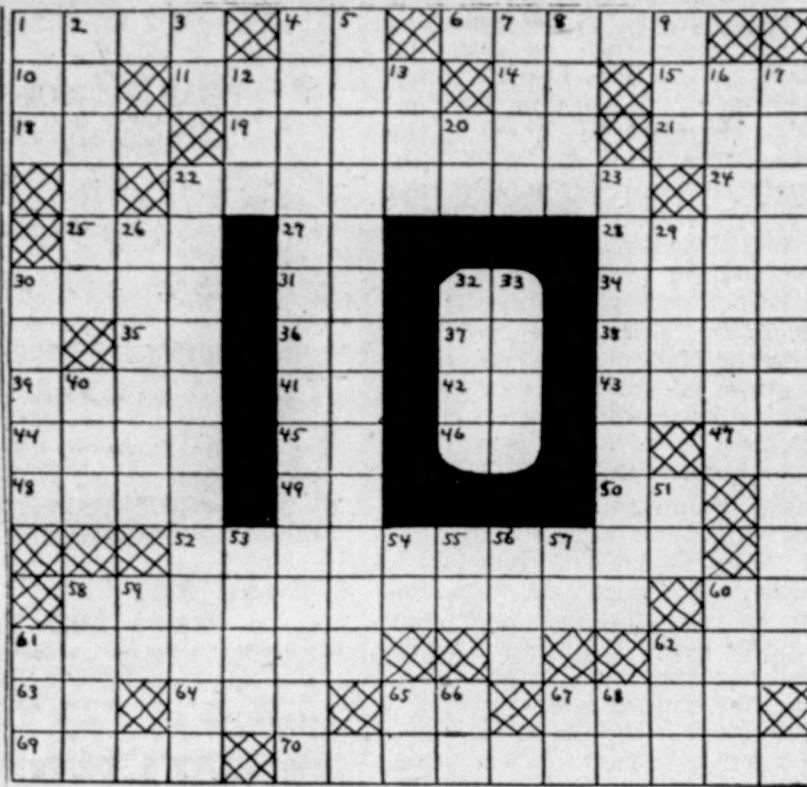
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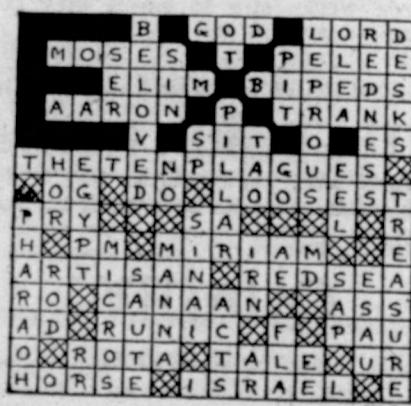
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Sunday, June 11, has been designated Stewardship Day in the Yazoo City Baptist church with Dr. D. A. McCall, State Baptist Secretary, to serve as preacher. At the 11 o'clock hour all church groups will be active in sponsoring and supporting the special program.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

Called and Accepted

J. O. Ragland, Avery Island, and Esther churches, La.

John K. Goods, Drummondton, Va.

Edwin L. McDonald, Sligo church, Ky.

J. R. Davis, Oakland church, Roanoke, Va.

A. J. Gross, Pleasant Grove church near Pensacola, Fla.

Ben B. Holloman, Poplar Bluff, Tellico Plains, Tenn.

J. E. Williams, Brunswick, Tenn.

H. D. Wilson, Safety Harbor, Fla.

B. G. Rochelle, Conshatta, La.

C. V. Hickerson, Berton Heights, Richmond, Va.

Charles Jenkins, Parksville, Ky.

Y. F. Elliott, First, Sanford, N. C.

J. V. Case, Rose Hillfield, N. C.

D. L. Harland, Riverside, Baltimore, Md.

John W. Kincheloe, Jr., First, Norfolk, Va.

John W. McGinnis, First, Reidsville, N. C.

Richard Lee Knowles, First Cochran, Ga.

Pete B. Kinsolving, Pine Lawn, St. Louis, Mo.

W. L. Beatty Weymour, Millers Cone, Walland, Ga.

W. M. Huffman, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Thurmon George, First, Hobart, Mo.

L. W. Woodward Wisner, Alexander, La.

W. C. Wood, College Ave., Annapolis, Md.

J. P. Fortenberry, Kirbyville, Tex.

A. C. Hamilton, Calvary, Silverton, Tex.

F. T. Evans, Jamestown, Tenn.

J. C. Clark, Elizabeth, Tenn.

Roy Greer, Mt. Pisgah, Kershaw Association, S. C.

A. C. Magee, First, McCall, S. C.

C. L. McGlothlen, Brookland, Washington, D. C.

W. Perry Couch, First, Asheville, N. C.

H. G. Greene, Smyrna, Beauregard Association, La.

Milton Graham, assistant pastor, First, Conway, Ark.

Resigned

W. C. Holsell, Diaz church, Ark.

M. M. Hinesly, Blackwater church, Manila, Ark.

W. Elvin Jones, Catonsville, Baltimore, Md.

Landon Green, Oak Grove, Manchester, Va.

David Foster, Martha, Okla.

Lay New, Rodessa, La.

J. C. Lindsey, Shady Grove, Beauregard Association, La.

B. H. Price, Asheboro, N. C.

James Dotson, Poplar Bluff, Tenn.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas: the United States of America is engaged in a global war against the enemies of religious freedom, constitutional government and humane principles; and that it has been found necessary to enlist men from every state in the Union to defend this country and its institutions.

Whereas: Great numbers of men from the state of Mississippi are now serving in the armed forces of our country and that a relatively large number of men who are members of Russell Baptist Church and citizens of Russell in Lauderdale county are so serving the United States of America.

Be it resolved: That this day on which we honor the men in the services of our country, as duly authorized by Russell Baptist Church that we enter into a covenant of prayer to God, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ for the protection of these men who are members and citizens of the aforementioned church and community.

Be it resolved: That we pray likewise for the spiritual and physical well-being of every man who serves under Old Glory.

Be it also resolved: That the members of Russell Baptist Church rededicate and reconsecrate their lives to God that their prayers might be honored by the One who has the power to decide the destiny of every nation in the world.

Be it further resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to The Baptist Record for publication, and that copies of the resolutions be printed and given to the families of the men from Russell who are in the armed forces of the United States of America.

Read and adopted by the Russell Baptist Church in Lauderdale county, Mississippi, this fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

Pastor:

R. H. FITZGERALD,

Clerk:

MRS. LANGFORD PRICE,

Committee:

MRS. C. H. REID,

MRS. J. L. SIMS,

MRS. PAT LACKEY,

MRS. H. G. BONES,

MRS. R. O. JOHNSON.

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APPRECIATION OF MISSIONS BY SERVICE MEN SEEN AS ONE OF WAR'S BIG STORIES

Philadelphia — (RNS) — "If there's one big story, bigger than the others, that has come out of this war, it is a new appreciation for and understanding of the missionary enterprise on the part of service men."

So reports Dr. Clarence W. Hall, editor of The Link, monthly magazine of the Service Men's Christian League, basing his statement on letters received from the men themselves.

He told how service men are being rescued and cared for by converts, entertained in the mission stations and missionary homes in Africa, India, Iran and China, and seeing at first hand the results of missionary labors. Instead of being feasted upon, these service men are feasting when they have landed in strange territory.

Dr. Hall told of a letter from a service man who had been wild and dissolute. A converted black man dragged him from the South Pacific, Hall said, and "pounded home the gospel so diligently that the kid sat at his feet and learned the way to the Christ he had scorned back home."

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Atlantic City, N. J.—(RNS)—The Northern Baptist Convention voted here to meet next year at Grand Rapids, Mich. The session will start May 22, 1945.

Thursday, June 8, 1944

THE BAPTIST RECORD

PREACHERS PLAN BIBLE CONFERENCE

A Bible conference for ministers offers an excellent course of study at Oxford June 19-23 with the Oxford Baptist Church in collaboration with the University of Mississippi providing free beds for the guest preachers who will bring their own linens. Meals will be available at the cafeteria at a cost of about \$1.50 per day for each person. Special invitation is extended to all north Mississippi ministers, but others will be welcomed, according to J. B. Ray, enlistment pastor.

Featured on the program will be Theodore Boushy, who is said by many to be more powerful as an inspirational speaker than Hyman Appelman. He was born in Syria, near the Jordan river, and is a traveler of wide experience. The final session will end at 4:30 June 23. The following daily program is offered:

10:00—Song.
10:05—Plan of Salvation—J. W. Lee, Batesville.
10:45—Song.
10:50—Studying Our Bible—E. L. Byrd, Holly Springs.
11:30—Song.
11:35—Special Feature.
12:15—Adjourn for lunch.
2:30—Song.
2:35—Stewardship—A. B. Pierce, of New Albany.
3:15—Song.
3:20—“My Church”—H. L. Martin, Senatobia.
4:00—Song.
4:05—General Discussion.
4:30—Adjourn.
7:00—Song.
7:05—Prayer and The Holy Spirit—L. Bracey Campbell, Marks.
7:45—Song.
7:50—Special Feature.
8:30—Song.
8:35—Theodore Boushy.
9:15—Adjourn.

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OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

J. P. Culpepper, retired Baptist preacher, observed the 50th anniversary of his ministry at Poplarville, June 3. He was ordained June 3, 1894. The original ordination document, written on common tablet paper, is still in his possession. He had just been called as pastor of the Crooked Creek church in Lawrence county, when ordained. He has seen 8,000 people unite with churches he has served during these years, and has helped build 10 new churches, and four pastors' homes, and has missed only seven Sundays due to illness. Among the churches he has served are: Newton, Poplarville, Columbia, Gloster, Lumberton, Logtown, and others. He taught in Clarke College and the Junior College at Poplarville. Among the children living are: Dr. J. P. Culpepper of Hattiesburg, Capt. Claude Culpepper of the Army Air Force, Bryan Culpepper, with the army in Italy, and Mrs. Tom Holliday of Poplarville.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Bethlehem (Jones) (May 28)	63	31
Marion (Lauderdale) (May 28)	50	51
Longview (Pontotoc) (May 28)	118	
Harmony (Tippah) (May 28)	110	
First church, Jackson	874	201
Calvary, Jackson	885	227
Midway (Hinds)	43	22
Rocky Springs	19	
Enon (Pinola)	47	43
Center (Union)	84	59
Wallerlville	55	32
Liberty Hill (Pinola)	154	74
New Albany First	422	129
Handy	101	
New Fellowship (Jasper)	70	35
Ramah (Franklin)	58	58
Crystal Springs	425	120
Natchez, West Side	137	65
Parkway	444	112

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SUNDAY RAIN

Leslie W. Edwards, Kershaw, S. C.

“Well, another rainy day!” So thought Sam Jones, clerk in the Star Mercantile Company, as he slowly pulled on his clothes, getting ready to go to work. “Oh! Well! a little rain never hurt anybody, and besides I've got my overshoes and raincoat, and it's only eight blocks to the store.” Sam prided himself on the fact that never in all his business life had he missed a day from the store, regardless of the weather.

Suddenly a terrible thought struck him. “This is Sunday! I don't have to go to the store today!” The bed looked so inviting, and he was only half-dressed. “Think I'll go back to bed and take it easy today. It's too rainy to go to church. Walking that four blocks in the rain might give me a cold, and besides, on a day like this nobody will be there. Maybe next Sunday will be clear and warm, and I'll go then.”

And so, Sam Jones who never missed a day from work, missed Sunday school and church because it was too rainy to walk four blocks.—Baptist Courier.

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THEY TAKE FAITH WITH THEM

Chaplain Floyd W. Cooper, formerly a Methodist pastor in Florida, states that religious faith is not among the things left behind when men go overseas. And he offers instances of men who have been heard to confess it in foxholes, and “also in the little rustic chapel across which is the inscription, ‘Here Men of Faith Solve Their Problems.’” The chaplain speaks with pride of this house of prayer in the jungle where men confess their faith.

While it is only a flimsy, temporary structure, surrounded by flowers planted by the men, it represents the eternal. Chaplain Cooper has described how just before a mission his men “felt the need for renewed faith and trust to cope with what lay ahead.” He wrote, “They were men who were soon to bear the brunt of battle. Strong men they were disciplined in things military, but disciplined also in the deep things of the Spirit; men who from childhood had learned where to solve their problems of doubt and confusion. Thus in those final, sacred moments, wives, homes, children, sweethearts—all were committed to the keeping of God and Father of us all, to Whom men of faith have always committed them.”—J. S. Payton.

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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST PROTEST PROPOSED DRAFTING OF PRE-THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

Indianapolis, Ind.—(RNS)—Grave concern over Selective Service's intention to eliminate deferments of pre-theological students on and after July 1 was expressed by the Board of Higher Education of the Disciples of Christ at its annual meeting here. Copies of the protest resolution were ordered sent to President Roosevelt and other government officials.

The board, comprised of 27 institutions of higher learning in the U. S. and Canada, voted \$2,000 for a commission to study the whole program of education of the Disciples of Christ under the “freest and most disinterested conditions and to make recommendations to the international convention.”

Dr. Theodore Myer Greene, professor of philosophy at Princeton University, challenged the church college to do its utmost to save students from post-war cynicism.

Dr. M. E. Sadler, president of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, was re-elected president of the board.

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CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS

From the first session until the final adjournment of the Southern Baptist Convention, it was made clear that the church was still Christ's church; that it was not the possession of any individual or group of individuals on earth; that it had the same Mission because it was working under the same Great Commission; that it was dependent upon the same power—the Holy Spirit; and that it had the same assurance of Victory as of old. To go forward, the same sacrifices—our best and our all—would have to be made.

Pat M. Neff struck the keynote in his presidential address, as he proved himself one of the great Christian statesmen of today.

For the first time in over two decades Southern Baptists can look the world in the face and say, “We have paid with interest the last dollar we borrowed.” A new spirit possessed us because the millstone of debt had been removed. The Convention sermon by J. H. Buchanan of Alabama outlined clearly the unpaid debt. His text was “I am debtor both to Greeks and to Barbarians; both to the wise and to the foolish.” Rom. 1:16. The Foreign Mission Board pointed out the opportunities that we have of paying our moral and spiritual obligations to the lands beyond our borders. By the time the Home Mission Board had concluded its hour we were under the impression that our Southland was almost an untouched Mission Field. We saw the outstretched hands of the rural sections, the cities, the cotton fields, the factories, the Indian Reservations, the Antilles, and the Canal Zone—all beckoning unto us to come over and help them.

Preparing trained leaders for tomorrow's world is definitely a task today. This we can do and must do by strengthening and keeping distinctly Christian our denominational schools, universities and seminaries.

The opportunities for real Christian service among our armed forces are unlimited. The question was: “How can our fine, trained, young Baptist ministers stay at home when the young men of the churches and the nation are out fighting democracy's

Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on page 12.

1. (“Glory to God in the highest, etc.”)—From ancient manuscripts as follows: “Peace on earth among men of good will.” — “Peace on earth, of the good will” — “Glory to God on high, and on earth peace among men in whom he finds pleasure.”

2. (Covering “the face of the earth”)—Since the Egyptians worshipped Ra, they considered the sun and the moon, as two “eyes of Ra,” one open by day and the other by night. Accordingly the plague of locusts covering “the face of the earth” could mean ‘eye, or eyes of the earth.’ In Joel 2:10 he refers to “darkening both sun and moon.”

3. (“Garden of Eden,” etc.)—It is said to have been located near the river Euphrates, (or Hiddekel), the Babylonian spelling being ‘Edin.’ Translated from the Hebrew, Eden could mean ‘garden,’ ‘orchard,’ ‘delight or pleasure.’

(Old Testament books 20, 21, 22, 23). ISAIAH, the Messianic prophet. JEREMIAH, the prophet of sorrow. EZEKIEL, the Priestly prophet. DANIEL, the Apocalyptic prophet.

(Next week's issue completes the Old Testament books. In June 22 issue we enter the New Testament.)

PLAN RESTORATION OF BOMBED CHURCH BUILDINGS

London (By Wireless to RNS)—Agreement has been reached between the War Damage Commission and a committee representing Christian churches of all denominations on the assessment of damages caused during the war to 14,000 church buildings in Great Britain, it was announced here.

Official authorities of the various churches are expected, however, to submit to the commission their own estimates of the damage caused to their properties, the announcement said.

Payments for damages will not be based on the “market value” of the properties, but on the reasonable cost of repairing buildings or erecting substitute churches.

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Professor: You missed my class yesterday.

Student: No sir, not a bit.—Ex.

battles?”

When the Convention voted to assume the full responsibility for the training of negro preachers in the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn., it rejected the proposal to ask the Northern Baptist Convention to share the financial burden. No one understands the negro of the South as we do. We can and should help him meet his spiritual needs.

Since the Southern Baptist Foundation was established it has made it possible for our Baptist people to give large and small sums of money to our south-wide causes and to have them administered and safeguarded to the best advantage.—C. J. Olander.

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HOW TO CALL A PASTOR

With so many of our churches pastorless in New Mexico right now it is altogether proper and in order that a little space be given to the historic proposition of "calling a pastor."

Granted that God calls a man to preach the gospel in the first place; granted that God directs that man to a certain field of endeavor, yet it is by no means assured that God can have His way in that man's life: the Lord Himself cannot, without violating the principle of man's free moral agency, do some things. That is to say, God may direct a man to a certain church, but that man fail to go there simply because the church will not pray for divine guidance in the matter or will not follow the Lord's revealed will. Such a church pays and pays and pays.

Many churches will invite one man after another to fill a pulpit vacated by the resignation of a former pastor and then vote on the man who has "sold himself" to the best advantage. Such a procedure is an insult to the ministry of a God-called man and a very unwise policy on the part of the church. Some men can preach verbatim one of George Truett's sermons better than Truett himself can, they are histrionically more perfect. Truett doesn't get up to act; he gets up to preach. Many people cannot tell the difference. It is impossible to judge a man's preaching by one sermon. He may be at his worst, or he may be better than his best in normal preaching.

Committee Recommends

All churches acting in best keeping with Baptist polity will have pulpit committees. It is not the function of a pulpit committee to call a pastor. That committee can simply investigate the record of a man in whom the church is interested, make contacts for the church and simplify the proposition of getting a likely man before it. All of this is to be done after much prayer. Then the pulpit committee finally decides to present the name of a man to the church or to invite that man to the pulpit of the church, that one man should either be called or rejected before another is even considered.

How old should a man be? How much education should he have?

Every church wants to attract and hold young people. A present fallacy among church members, however, is the idea that only a man young in years can influence youth to the greatest extent. A man's age has little to do with the matter one way or the other. He may be twenty-five years old and wholly lacking in appeal for vigorous minded young men and women, or he may be seventy-five years old and be widely followed and loved by them. The key to young people's leadership is summed up in just one word: love. Some of the most effective workers dealing with young people in America in all denominations are men who have already lived their "three score and ten."

Experience Valuable

There is another fundamental to be considered in the matter of age. That is experience. Does experience count for nothing in this world of Christianity? Should not a man's years make him better qualified, all other things being equal, to make ac-

curate decisions? He has precedents in his own life to guide him, and the contacts of the years through intimate life relationships and wide reading should help him when delicate problems arise in his ministry.

The ministry calls for mental drudgery and at the same time for mental alertness. The older man has learned to direct his thinking and has learned the lesson of sheer mental labor. His mind has not begun to deteriorate when he has passed the sixty-year-old mark. It is true that some young men and women have made great impressions upon the world in which they lived and upon the generations which have followed them. BUT the case of William Cullen Bryant is a notable example. He did write *Thanatopsis* when he was seventeen years old—but the only part of it which is quoted over and over again, he added to the original poem after he was eighty. Experience had ripened him. Experience produced the masterpiece. A man may be mentally decayed at thirty—or he may be going strong at ninety.

Under present conditions, churches will have to consider older men for pastors whether they like it or not.

Education Helps

What about a man's formal education? Should a church refuse to call a man simply because he never had the privilege of going to the seminary? Naturally a seminary course of study and especially the contacts which that young man makes while there will greatly increase his effectiveness as a minister IF he uses that seminary experience rightly. But if that young man thinks he can go to the seminary and get himself fashioned into a mighty preacher, he is headed for downfall and great will be the fall thereof. No college or seminary on earth can substitute for native intelligence. It is, after all is said, an individual problem: the man himself has to do the learning. Every young preacher should go to the seminary. But a church makes as great an error when it demands seminary training as an absolute prerequisite for its pastor. Some of the greatest preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention have never been inside a seminary to study.

A church should let the Lord lead. Then it CAN'T make a mistake.

This is as true of the prospective minister. Nothing else should matter to him except the one question: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"—Baptist New Mexican.

**POLISH FLAGS TO BEAR
RELIGIOUS MOTTO**

London (By Cable to RNS)—The Polish commander-in-chief, General Razimierz Sosnkowski, has ordered Polish military standards to be inscribed with the words, 'God, Honor, Motherland.'

This inscription first appeared on a flag secretly made by Polish women in Wilno and smuggled across the continent into England for presentation to the Polish Air Force.

"I believe the God of our fathers will bless us who strive to restore due reverence to the majesty of Poland," General Sosnkowski declared.

Rev. J. Harold Jones has accepted the pastorate of Goodyear church, Picayune. He comes from the Burris Triumph church, Louisiana.

**BAPTISTS CENSURE WHITES,
NEGROES**

Raleigh, N. C.—(RNS)—"Unwillingness on the part of many white people to accord Negroes full opportunity for growth in genuine democracy, and the bitterness shown by some of the colored leaders in seeking to obtain rights denied them are not in accord with Christian ideals for living together," according to a report prepared by the Committee on Social Service and Civic Righteousness of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention. The report will be presented to the convention's annual meeting in Winston-Salem, November 16-18.

Declaring that the problem of racial tension, together with those of war, crime, and the alcohol evil, is one that "can be solved only by united action," the committee asks that the State Convention "consider the matter of affiliation with the North Carolina Council of Churches to find out if, after all, through this or some similar cooperative agency, we may not best minister toward ushering in the Kingdom of God."

The committee report endorses the movement sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches to introduce Bible courses in the curricula of the public schools of the state, condemns anti-Semitism in all forms, and commends efforts to remove Japanese-Americans from camps to places where they can again pursue a normal way of life.

"The historic attitude of Baptists in every national crisis has been one of patriotism," the report states. "However, let not the church ask for the blessing of God upon war. As children of God it behooves us to pray for them who despitefully use us. Hatred of others must be avoided."

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SUGGESTS HOSPITAL FOR THE
CHRONICALLY ILL**

The man is 31 years old, married, and a member of a small Baptist church in Mississippi. He spent two years in bed before he was brought to the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, where he has been continuously since last December. His wife worked in a factory, and paid on hospital bills all she made above her own actual, meager needs. Since he has been with us, we have accepted whatever she was able to pay. Now she tells us she has broken down physically and cannot pay anything more. Her husband is far from well. The new wonder drug, penicillin, is being used with a hope that it will be effective. If it is not, there is no human hope that he will ever be better. Two ideas issue from this case, which is representative of many cases, and these are: An opportunity is afforded to any who may wish to aid in paying the expenses of this poor man.

(The Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta voted to discontinue making an allocation of cooperative funds to this Hospital); and, secondly, Southern Baptists should give serious consideration to the establishment of a sanitarium for the care of the chronically ill. The young man referred to above has been faithful as Sunday School superintendent in his service to Christ and the Baptists.—L. J. Pristow, Superintendent, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans.

THE SAME OLD NOTICE

Below we make some requests that have been made before and will continue to be made:

1. By looking on page four our readers will learn that obituaries and obituary resolutions are published free provided there are not more than 200 words. Over 200 words are one cent each.

2. Resolutions or articles in memory of those who have passed away months ago are one cent per word.

3. We cannot publish any kind of an article regardless of its merits unless the name of the writer is signed to the article. If the writer does not wish his name used and will so indicate it, we will be glad to omit it. But we must know the name of the writer. Almost every day we receive an unsigned article — sometimes a short one and sometimes a long one. And the reason they are not published is because they are not signed.

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**STATE-WIDE INVASION DAY PLAN
ANNOUNCED IN NORTH
CAROLINA**

Raleigh, N. C.—(RNS)—Plans for special prayer services on Invasion Day have been announced in communities throughout North Carolina.

The Raleigh Ministerial Association states that Christians and Jews in Raleigh will be urged over the radio to go to their homes or to houses of worship to pray for the safety of the armed forces and for an early peace.

In Hendersn, Mayor Henry T. Powell, at the request of Henderson Post No. 60 of the American Legion, has issued a proclamation asking that all church bells be rung at noon, and that all factories, stores, and places of business cease activities at noon for united prayer. Churches are asked to keep open for prayer and meditation.

The Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Waynesville, has announced that his church will be kept open for prayers, and a similar announcement has been made by the Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher, of St. John's Roman Catholic Church. Mission churches at Murphy, Bryson City, Sylvia, Franklin and Welch Cove, also will be open on invasion day, Father Rohrbacher said.

The Glenhope Baptist Church at Burlington has already begun special prayer services and will continue holding them each morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. George W. Swinney, pastor, declared.

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CHAPLAIN ENJOYS PAPER

From somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, Chaplain Ray Truitt, formerly pastor in Neshoba county, has written of his appreciation of The Baptist Record and how he enjoys hearing about the work back home. He said in part:

"The work goes well here in the hospital. It certainly is a full time job getting all the work done. There is a great need to be met here, and with the Lord's blessing I shall do my part to see His kingdom advanced in this unit. My prayers are for the successful ongoing of the denominational work there in the state. No doubt the Record is one of the most influential factors in the whole work in Mississippi. My wishes for you are an ever widening sphere of influence among the churches."